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Manufacturing

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As Alabama's economy grew during the 1960s and 1970s, the state's manufacturing base continued to diversify. In the durable goods sector, Alabama moved away from the undercapitalized primary metals industry into lumber, furniture, electrical machinery, and transportation equipment. In nondurable manufacturing, apparel, paper, chemicals, and rubber and plastics became increasingly important. These industries drew on the state's abundant natural resources, often paid high wages, and grew rapidly.

Recent trends. The importance of the manufacturing sector to the Alabama economy reached a peak in 1979. In that year manufacturing contributed 26.0 percent of real Alabama Gross State Product. Nondurables accounted for 12.5 percent of real GSP, while durables claimed 13.4 percent. Manufacturing was also the largest employer, accounting for [illegible] workers, or 22.5 percent of all those employed in the state. Of these, 50.2 percent were employed in nondurable goods manufacturing and 49.8 percent in durable goods manufacturing.

However, the recession which began in 1980 marked a shift in Alabama's manufacturing economy. During the three-year period 1980 through 1982, real output in manufacturing fell by 20.[illegible] percent. Most of the decline was attributable to the vulnerable durable goods sector, whose real output plummeted 18.4 percent over three years. These losses were due to a 42.9 percent decline in primary metals, [illegible] percent in transportation equipment, and [illegible] percent in lumber. During 1979-82, real output in nondurable manufacturing dropped by a modest 2.6 percent. However, within nondurables, real output for the chemical and textiles industries fell a dramatic 22.9 percent and 11.2 percent respectively.

As a consequence, the manufacturing sector lost [illegible] jobs between 1979 and 1982, with [illegible] percent in the durable goods industries. Fifty-two percent of durable manufacturing job losses were in primary metals. The decline of 2.7 percent in manufacturing's share of total personal income in Alabama from 18.8 percent in 1979 to [illegible] in 1982 was almost entirely attributable to the durable goods component.

Outlook. The unfortunate economic circumstances of the recent past will strongly influence Alabama's manufacturing sector through the decade of the 1980s. Sharp declines in real manufacturing output, employment, and income during 1979-82 have reshaped the industrial structure of the state. While 1985 real output in manufacturing should surpass the earlier 1979 high, employment in manufacturing is not expected to regain its 1979 level during the forecast period. In fact, a downward trend in manufacturing's share of real output, employment, and total personal income is in full progress and is expected to continue through 1990.

Manufacturing employment over the forecast period [illegible] to 1985 shows no growth. Based on past and current economic conditions, manufacturing is playing a declining role in Alabama's economy. This will be offset by the increasing importance of other sectors, notably finance, insurance and real estate, construction, communications, and state and local government.

Nondurable Manufacturing

Nondurable goods manufacturing was hurt by the 1980-82 recession, although not to the extent of durables manufacturing. Real output in nondurables manufacturing peaked in 1981 but then declined by more than 10 percent in 1982. Employment similarly slipped by 4.5 percent in 1982. By 1983, signs of recovery were evident for nondurables manufacturing in both output and employment. However, recovery is not expected to be as strong in nondurables manufacturing as it will be in the harder hit durables industries.

Textiles

Textile manufacturers produce such things as broad-woven fabrics (bolts of cloth), narrow-woven fabrics (rickrack, ribbons, webbing, etc.), and cord, twine, and nets. Knitting mills, carpet mills, and yarn mills also are in this category. Alabama has many medium-size textile firms with employment between twenty and seventy-five people as well as several large firms with hundreds of employees.

The textile industry has a long history in the South. Traditionally it has drawn on a primarily female labor force which was not well educated. The industry pays low wages and is not heavily unionized.

In 1984, output from the textile mill industry represented 2.6 percent of Alabama's Gross State Product. This share should hold over the decade, falling slightly to about 2.3 percent of GSP by 1990. Nationally, textiles accounted for only 0.7 percent of Gross National Product. The industry's output growth rate will fluctuate during the late 1980s. Good years will see [illegible] percent growth and lean years will see the industry barely holding even.

In 1983 the textile industry in Alabama employed almost 40,000 people. Over the balance of the decade, that number will steadily decline. By 1990 only 35,000 Alabamians will be employed in this industry. Improving technology will keep the industry's portion of Gross State Product at least near its current position and in some years improving its relative position with other manufacturing industries. This will happen even with fewer employees. Still, 35,000 employees represent 1.9 percent of Alabama's forecasted 1990 total employment.

The textile industry historically pays a lower wage rate than almost all other manufacturing industries in Alabama. Only the furniture and apparel industries have lower average annual wages. In 1983 the average wage for textile workers was $13,900. By 1990 textile workers may average $25,000 annually, but because other industries will also be raising wages, textile workers will still be relatively poorly paid. Persons employed nationwide in nondurable manufacturing jobs averaged $19,300 annually in 1983. In Alabama they averaged only $16,500, and textile workers were paid less than the state average. This trend is expected to continue.

Even though textile workers are not highly paid, their combined income in 1983 represented 1.5 percent of all wage and salary income in the state and 8.3 percent of all manufacturing income. The only manufacturing industries that have larger portions of total personal income are the primary metals industry and the paper industry, both of which have fewer employees but pay much better wages.

The outlook for the textile industry in Alabama is for declining employment but continued relative importance to Gross State Product. The overall picture is of an industry that continues to hold its current spot in relative wages paid and relative share of total personal income.

The October issue of Alabama Business will present a brief look at primary metals, a key sector in Alabama durable manufacturing. For more information about manufacturing in Alabama and the Alabama economy, we would suggest you contact the Center for Business and Economic Research.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

INDUSTRIAL

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PRICES

LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984							1985					
	1983	1984	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales ($1,000)															
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	94,166
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	298	964	341	934	729
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	482		125	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	141	478	344	[illegible]	290
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	141,827	[illegible]	14,007	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,268	24,796	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,968	[illegible]	18,064	[illegible]	5,444	[illegible]
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	31,156	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,774
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,536	1,673	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,738	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,264	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,775	[illegible]

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984							1985					
	1983	1984	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
BUILDING ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,192	[illegible]	7,264	8,198	11,107	6,049	6,384	6,027	8,624	8,126	8,163	7,901
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,931	3,262	3,463	2,557	2,146	3,036	4,836	4,096	4,356	4,009
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,407	4,505	8,193	2,943	3,758	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054
[illegible]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,139	[illegible]	2,024
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	578
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	48	[illegible]	[illegible]	442	388	453
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	184	73	237	69
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	184	73	237	69
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,621	3,169
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,394	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,951	1,335
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,896	462

[illegible] which are subject to sales tax [illegible] Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision in succeeding years. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the County section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties. It does not represent a state total.

Migration

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per thousand) during 1965-70 to a net immigration of 75,846 persons (39.50 per thousand) during 1975-80.

The reversal from a net outmigration during 1965-70 to a net immigration during 1975-80 is characteristic of the pattern for whites at the state level, and is the predominant pattern of white migration trends at the county level.

Blacks experienced net outmigration in each of the two periods of observation, but the level of outmigration for blacks in 1965-70 totaled 89,500 (–65.86 per thousand) compared with outmigration of 4,148 (–4.76 per thousand) in the 1975-80 period. The sizeable drop in outmigration rates of blacks from 1965-70 to 1975-80 is characteristic of many of the counties in Alabama. Twenty-one of the 66 counties for which comparative data were examined fall into the category of high outmigration during 1965-70 to low outmigration during 1975-80. However, 21 counties also are in the category of relatively high rates of outmigration by blacks during each of the periods of observation.

The many changes in migration patterns in Alabama may be due to several factors, but it is not possible to identify the motives of individual migrants based on the aggregate level data thus used here. However, the reversal in migration flows for whites, and the sharp drop in outmigration of blacks is likely due at least in part to the improved economic climate of the Southeast in general, and Alabama in particular.

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Highlights of Alabama Net Migration Patterns:
1965-70 and 1975-80

A migrant at the state level for the period 1965-70 is defined as a person who reports his/her state of residence for April 1, 1970 as being different from the state of residence reported for April 1, 1965. Migrants at the county level refer to individuals reporting a county of residence within the state as of April 1, 1970 different from that reported for April 1, 1975. Therefore, an outmigrant at the county level does not necessarily imply departure from the state. Total net migration and migration rates refer to the totals over the respective five year periods of observation; they are not annual average rates. Similar definitions are used for the 1975-80 period.

General Trends in Net Migration 1965-70:

The period of 1965 to 1970 was a time of net outmigration for both whites and blacks in Alabama. Net outmigration totaled 62,878 persons resulting in a net outmigration rate per thousand (R = −18.26) over the five year period. The black population contributed disproportionately to the net outmigration. Of the 62,878 net outmigrants, 58,699 were black and only 4,179 were white, resulting in net outmigration rates of −65.86 per thousand for blacks and −1.68 for whites. One may gain a better perspective on these figures by realizing that blacks made up just over 26 percent of the total population of Alabama in 1970, but were responsible for over 93 percent of the total net outmigration from 1965 to 1970.

Most of the counties in the state experienced net outmigration by blacks during 1965-70. Only five counties in the state of the 66 counties for which 1965-70 data are examined experienced a net increase in black migration. (Chambers county is excluded from the 1965-70 migration data due to a discrepancy in the Census data.) Madison and Dale counties experienced the only sizable increases in black population due to net migration. Madison county had a net increase of 1,136 blacks (40.58 per thousand), and Dale county had a net increase of 691 blacks (107.17 per thousand). The other three counties with a net increase in black migration experienced only minor increases of less than 25 persons each.

Twenty-five of the 66 counties examined for the 1965-70 period experienced a net migration increase of whites. Autauga, Baldwin, Calhoun, Coffee, Dale, Elmore, Lee, and Pike, St. Clair, Shelby, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa counties experienced sizable increases in net migration of whites with net migration rates in excess of 50 per thousand in each case. The remaining 41 counties experienced a net outmigration of whites, with Covington, Marengo, and Mobile experiencing high rates of outmigration in excess of −60 per thousand over the five year period.

General Trends in Net Migration 1975-80:

Alabama experienced a net increase in population due to migration during the 1975-80 period. Net immigration totaled 75,946 persons for a net immigration rate of 19.5 per thousand during 1975-80. Whites contributed disproportionately to the net immigration during the period accounting for almost 97 percent (73,505) of all immigrants. Blacks continued to exhibit a net outmigration from the state, but at a greatly reduced rate compared with the 1965-70 period. From 1975-80 there was a net outmigration of 4,148 blacks, or a net outmigration rate of −4.76 per thousand.

Fifty of Alabama's 67 counties experienced a net immigration of whites from 1975-80. Shelby, Elmore, and St. Clair counties experienced particularly heavy immigration, each with rates in excess of 100 per thousand. Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, DeKalb, Jackson, Lee, Monroe, Pike, and Tuscaloosa counties also experienced high rates of white immigration, each with rates in excess of 60 per thousand.

Seventeen counties experienced a net outmigration of whites from 1975-80. Outmigration was particularly heavy in Bullock, Dallas, Macon, Perry, and Pickens counties, with each experiencing a net outmigration rate in excess of −50 per thousand.

Blacks continued a pattern of net outmigration from 1975-80, but generally at lower levels than during the 1965-70 period. However, several counties exhibited high rates of outmigration by blacks. Cleburne, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Lowndes, and Marion counties experienced rates of outmigration by blacks in excess of −100 per thousand during the 1975-80 period. Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Clay, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Hale, Lamar, and Lauderdale counties also experienced heavy outmigration of blacks, each with rates in excess of −70 per thousand.

Sixteen of Alabama's 67 counties experienced a net immigration of blacks from 1975-80. Dale and Madison counties continued to experience high rates of net immigration of blacks as they did during the 1965-70 period. Calhoun and Tuscaloosa counties also experienced a high rate of net immigration during the 1975-80 period.

Comparison of trends from 1965-70 with trends from 1975-80:

Migration patterns of 1975-80 differ with those of 1965-70 in some noteworthy ways. Migration trends at the state level reversed from a net outmigration of 62,878 persons (−18.26

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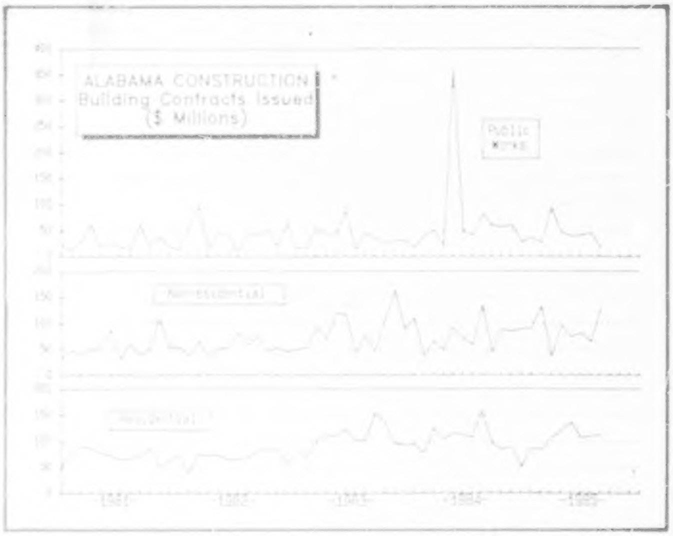

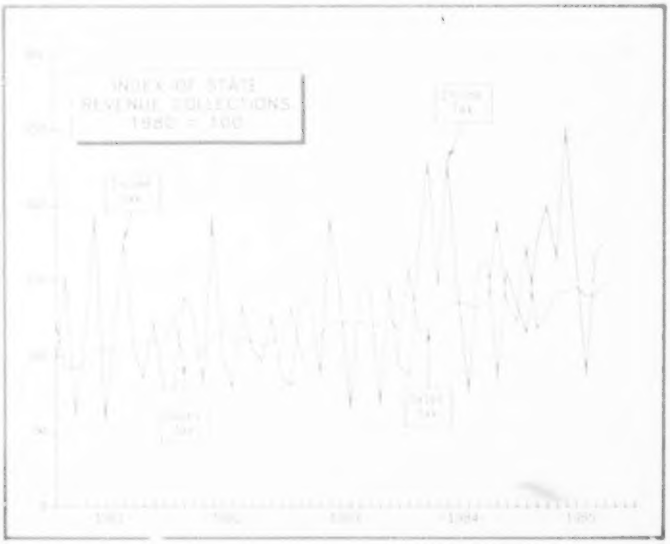

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984						1985						
	1983	1984	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207 309	212 083	20 564	20 649	16 081	21 966	18 684	15 391	21 285	16 261	18 276	17 001	19 426	21 132	24 409
Nonagricultural placements	91 100	97 761	14 871	14 203	7 719	7 844	6 543	4 876	5 229	4 821	6 204	6 961	7 951	6 768	15 232
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428 181	435 832	50 560	37 376	29 346	36 116	35 891	41 032	74 659	34 635	32 416	29 881	29 414	23 979	46 997
Payments ($1,000)	191 868	172 593	13 536	15 564	12 258	13 116	14 250	16 158	21 274	16 920	15 977	13 782	14 095	11 620	15 246
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15 590	15 570	15 620	15 640	15 780	15 800	16 070	15 920	15 910	15 880	15 910	16 000	16 150	15 880	15 900
	14.2	9.6	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2
Baldwin	34 220	35 530	35 830	35 400	37 450	35 440	35 630	37 380	35 550	35 930	37 120	36 270	35 540	35 770	35 670
	12.1	10.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.9	8.7	7.5	7.8	7.2
Barbour	11 990	12 220	12 300	12 320	12 480	12 740	12 340	12 200	11 930	11 950	12 450	12 190	12 280	12 090	12 210
	13.1	10.1	10.7	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.6	10.6	10.8
Bibb	5 960	6 240	6 320	6 380	6 110	6 250	6 300	6 210	6 210	6 190	6 180	6 170	6 280	6 200	6 230
	19.5	16.6	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.4	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3
Blount	16 860	16 760	16 990	16 850	16 520	16 640	16 690	16 990	17 070	16 820	16 570	16 640	16 720	16 450	16 500
	15.0	11.0	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.3	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.1
Bullock	4 460	4 520	4 580	4 670	4 730	4 980	4 730	4 500	4 330	4 350	4 410	4 490	4 640	4 630	4 570
	17.2	14.5	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	13.6
Butler	9 790	9 800	9 920	9 870	10 000	10 190	9 710	9 650	9 580	9 560	9 660	9 550	9 610	9 700	9 610
	17.4	13.8	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7
Calhoun	46 220	47 700	48 570	48 190	47 840	48 210	48 110	48 020	47 960	48 150	47 830	47 930	47 910	48 230	48 350
	13.1	11.1	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.9	10.2	10.4	10.2
Chambers	16 750	16 500	16 870	16 570	16 380	16 200	15 900	15 960	16 050	16 340	16 240	16 170	16 160	16 340	16 280
	9.8	9.3	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.8	9.1	10.7	11.1
Cherokee	11 500	11 670	11 580	12 090	12 320	12 290	11 620	11 080	11 090	11 090	11 010	11 150	11 300	11 020	11 300
	15.2	14.0	18.7	6.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.5	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9
Chilton	15 530	16 160	16 020	16 070	15 950	16 030	15 980	15 520	15 840	15 780	15 730	16 040	15 900	15 810	15 560
	13.1	11.3	11.8	11.7	10.4	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0
Choctaw	5 510	5 790	5 810	5 730	6 050	5 850	5 820	5 900	5 780	5 870	6 060	5 880	5 840	5 840	5 790
	15.1	16.3	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.8	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	16.1	17.9
Clarke	10 750	10 630	10 680	10 400	10 810	10 400	10 540	10 550	10 420	10 560	10 370	10 240	10 130	10 020	10 360
	16.2	14.3	15.0	13.1	14.8	12.9	14.0	16.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1
Clay	7 360	7 580	7 560	7 540	7 540	7 670	7 610	7 580	7 530	7 360	7 680	7 370	7 600	7 370	7 450
	14.0	10.9	12.0	11.7	10.1	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	11.1	12.3
Cleburne	5 180	5 250	5 490	5 170	5 240	5 110	5 320	5 310[1]	5 340	5 360	5 440	5 530	5 340	5 330	5 410
	12.5	10.2	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	11.1
Coffee	19 830	20 210	20 450	20 350	20 410	20 900	20 250	19 890	19 730	19 930	20 140	20 270	20 180	19 890	19 900
	10.9	8.4	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1
Colbert	23 700	23 920	24 200	24 120	24 080	23 810	23 920	23 880	23 760	24 250	23 940	24 000	23 790	23 540	23 150
	16.7	16.4	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.6	14.4	14.0	13.4
Conecuh	6 970	7 210	7 170	7 060	7 680	7 420	7 350	7 650	7 280	7 290	7 580	7 340	7 310	7 230	7 220
	12.7	11.8	11.0	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.1
Coosa	5 490	5 600	5 540	5 620	5 770	5 710	5 700	5 690	5 830	5 670	5 820	5 770	5 850	5 840	5 900
	10.3	8.8	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.1	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.5	5.4	6.8	6.7
Covington	16 350	16 370	16 190	16 470	16 250	16 120	16 090	16 360	17 040	16 680	16 440	16 380	16 560	16 120	15 980
	12.2	9.9	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	16.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6
Crenshaw	7 210	7 460	7 390	7 510	7 950	7 640	7 440	7 340	6 990	7 060	7 330	7 330	7 050	7 160	7 090
	12.1	11.0	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7
Cullman	29 180	28 350	29 670	30 220	30 070	30 100	29 960	29 470	30 020	29 690	29 500	29 170	29 470	29 190	29 290
	14.7	11.6	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	15.0	9.7	9.0	4.3	9.6
Dale	22 270	22 740	22 850	22 690	22 960	23 210	22 920	22 640	22 630	22 810	22 630	23 300	23 310	23 220	23 220
	9.0	7.1	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1
Dallas	23 290	23 100	23 430	23 660	23 510	23 690	23 250	23 180	23 160	23 160	23 050	22 920	23 130	23 180	23 670
	17.6	15.1	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.7	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.1	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.1	17.6
DeKalb	29 870	30 400	32 080	31 660	31 350	31 110	30 940	30 670	31 470	30 530	30 660	30 890	30 740	30 400	31 210
	11.8	10.8	10.9	9.5	8.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.4	10.0	10.1	9.2
Elmore	20 620	20 770	20 890	20 910	20 940	21 020	20 910	20 810	20 960	21 170	21 270	21 110	21 670	21 510	21 290
	12.2	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.3	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2
Escambia	17 440	18 110	18 270	18 140	18 610	18 530	18 270	18 360	18 070	17 910	17 990	18 010	17 980	17 970	17 940
	12.5	12.1	10.8	13.1	16.9	10.7	11.6	17.8	13.0	9.1	15.1	9.9	9.1	8.4	9.1
Etowah	42 290	42 610	43 080	43 190	43 200	43 020	42 690	42 670	42 270	42 210	41 870	41 990	41 600	41 690	42 130
	17.4	13.4	13.7	13.5	13.4	13.1	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.1	10.7
Fayette	10 100	10 440	10 390	10 570	10 540	10 570	10 610	10 440	10 510	10 500	10 420	10 540	10 480	10 290	10 360
	11.7	9.5	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	12.7	17.4	12.6	12.8	12.1	11.3
Franklin	14 110	14 430	14 340	14 930	14 520	14 610	14 550	14 490	14 420	14 590	14 240	14 290	14 390	14 310	14 010
	18.2	16.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.4	25.7	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.6	14.5
Geneva	11 360	11 740	12 060	11 740	11 920	12 070	11 900	11 960	11 620	11 660	12 240	12 170	11 900	11 660	11 880
	10.4	8.2	9.4	7.2	6.8	5.4	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.0	7.0	7.6
Greene	4 650	4 760	4 800	4 840	4 910	4 880	4 750	4 740	4 660	4 780	4 780	4 660	4 650	4 610	4 630
	16.6	17.1	15.7	15.8	16.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8
Hale	5 340	5 480	5 630	5 480	5 580	5 590	5 490	5 490	5 290	5 320	5 340	5 340	5 440	5 260	5 340
	16.5	17.1	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	19.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7
Henry	7 240	7 290	7 250	7 320	7 580	7 250	7 480	7 150	7 090	7 160	7 390	7 520	7 540	7 200	7 290
	11.2	9.3	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3
Houston	35 860	36 540	36 930	36 460	36 660	37 340	37 050	36 620	36 730	36 900	36 840	37 280	37 200	37 400	37 250
	11.3	9.0	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	9.8	9.1	9.1	9.1	7.7	7.2	7.4	8.2
Jackson	20 680	19 790	20 260	19 550	19 420	19 710	19 840	19 640	19 240	19 350	19 520	19 730	19 400	19 150	19 080
	22.1	16.6	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.1	11.8	17.4
Jefferson	302 570	303 510	308 441	305 990	304 420	305 220	300 770	301 180	300 140	301 670	301 150	304 610	302 290	302 540	301 190
	13.1	9.6	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4
Lamar	8 860	9 340	9 490	9 320	9 410	9 480	9 530	9 460	9 520	9 520	9 600	9 680	9 610	9 770	9 650
	9.7	7.3	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.8	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2
Lauderdale	35 150	35 600	36 170	36 140	35 930	35 880	35 660	35 060	35 300	34 980	34 750	34 730	34 510	34 680	34 910
	16.6	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9
Lawrence	14 340	13 450	13 510	13 400	13 390	13 470	13 330	13 010	13 230	13 220	13 030	13 200	13 190	13 140	13 110
	18.8	15.1	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7
Lee	35 870	38 470	38 290	38 310	37 820	38 820	39 080	38 550	39 330	39 190	39 130	39 170	39 280	39 210	38 160
	8.4	6.5	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4
Limestone	19 310	20 230	20 060	20 130	20 650	21 100	20 830	20 740	20 810	21 160	21 340	21 860	22 160	21 960	22 060
	14.1	10.8	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6
Lowndes	5 190	5 080	5 110	5 150	5 180	5 150	5 190	5 070	4 890	4 920	4 950	5 030	5 040	4 990	5 250
	17.9	18.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.1	14.3
Macon	7 950	8 150	8 360	8 310	8 070	8 540	8 300	8 210	8 220	8 340	8 390	8 470	8 560	8 410	8 340
	13.6	11.1	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1
Madison	109 350	117 780	118 900	119 890	119 640	121 170	120 430	120 830	122 530	121 450	121 250	122 770	122 590	123 540	123 080
	8.5	7.1	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9
Marengo	9 800	9 720	10 000	9 760	10 250	9 960	9 720	9 930	9 530	9 520	9 830	9 520	9 560	9 480	9 590
	15.5	14.2	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	16.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6
Marion	13 700	13 580	13 810	13 680	13 530	13 710	13 620	13 750	14 000	13 610	13 440	13 450	13 190	13 300	13 530
	19.4	14.9	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7
Marshall	31 080	33 050	33 720	33 060	33 120	33 390	32 900	33 560	33 140	32 930	32 690	32 970	32 810	32 800	33 150
	14.4	12.6	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4
Mobile	162 590	164 730	167 720	167 210	164 480	166 680	165 400	164 050	164 810	164 440	164 180	166 910	165 310	167 320	167 650
	15.9	12.6	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984						1985						
	1983	1984	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670
	12.8	16.2	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	21.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.0	10.1	11.4	10.6
Montgomery	92,940	96,610	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,620	98,180	98,620	97,790
	10.5	8.8	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.3	7.7	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1
Morgan	37,910	38,870	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,510	38,750	38,890	38,660	39,160	39,180
	14.5	11.5	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9
Perry	5,850	5,820	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,090	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,800	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040
	14.8	13.0	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.8	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.9
Pickens	7,100	7,080	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,980	6,940	7,110	7,080	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,290
	18.0	15.9	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.9	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	14.7	16.8
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,090	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,840	13,700	13,630
	10.7	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.1	8.7	8.1	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2
Randolph	9,060	8,790	9,160	8,770	8,520	8,900	8,790	8,390	8,690	8,630	8,670	8,740	8,780	8,450	8,740
	17.9	14.9	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	16.7	13.8	16.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.2
Russell	19,120	19,290	19,650	19,110	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,460	19,960	19,160	19,270	19,470	19,440	19,790	20,670
	13.7	12.9	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.6	11.6	13.0	17.1
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	14,120
	14.2	11.5	10.1	10.6	12.9	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3
Shelby	31,300	31,910	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,630	32,100	30,280	32,010	31,850	32,100
	12.1	10.3	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	13.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.8
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,020	7,190	7,090	7,020	7,150	7,040	7,000	7,030
	14.9	11.4	13.1	12.7	16.7	15.1	11.5	13.1	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	11.4
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,790	31,360	31,140	31,200	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470
	17.2	15.8	15.0	16.7	20.8	14.7	16.9	16.9	18.3	19.9	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	14.7
Tallapoosa	16,800	17,080	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,090	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520
	12.1	9.4	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	57,560	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,790
	12.4	9.1	9.8	9.8	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.8
Walker	32,430	32,560	32,450	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,430	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830
	16.1	11.3	11.8	11.8	11.1	12.8	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.1
Washington	6,330	6,400	6,420	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340
	20.0	18.1	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	16.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2
Wilcox	5,400	5,480	5,680	5,420	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,290	5,370	5,160	5,230
	20.2	15.3	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.1	13.3	12.4	22.8	14.7	13.1	12.3	13.1	16.6
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930
	18.1	19.6	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9
TRADE															
Foreign through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,167	726,382	90,034	54,364	68,829	64,090	41,930	62,621	64,445	72,080	79,539	74,582	74,933		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	3,288	9,484	988	1,019	1,012	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,067		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	31,908	44,217	42,109	62,783	80,528	65,598	49,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,270		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,793	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,386	2,361	1,891	1,574		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,307	3,548	3,362	3,445	3,124	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,026	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption (nonindustrial purposes) (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,281	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,881	1,785	1,911	2,106	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,241	2,427
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,906,247	163,796	168,849	150,719	161,460	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	158,021	160,921	166,534	153,627	
New passenger car registrations (number)	122,393	141,996	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,746	10,400	12,107	12,520	13,391	13,712	13,481
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,649	311	309	310	304	304	328	309	292	316	308	313	297	307
General stores with food and gas		175	15	15	15	15	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	16
General merchandise		2,362	176	190	151	185	238	314	161	150	198	212	213	205	192
Apparel		566	41	48	45	46	52	77	38	35	52	51	46	45	42
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	47	46	43	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	49	47	45
Automotive		3,085	269	281	243	256	245	241	234	245	299	292	320	309	291
Gasoline service stations		296	26	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	25	26	29	28	29
Lumber and building materials		890	79	80	79	81	76	66	59	54	76	86	90	92	90
Hardware and farm implements		427	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	36
Eating places		1,292	112	117	110	109	107	119	99	96	119	114	125	127	121
Drug stores		264	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	24	21	20
All other retail		2,161	169	185	177	182	190	245	176	166	184	184	195	186	173
Total sales by retail concerns		15,733	1,302	1,357	1,286	1,308	1,355	1,587	1,210	1,150	1,395	1,398	1,468	1,403	1,363
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,617	219	228	230	225	213	240	180	173	209	226	235	226	229
Total all sales at retail		18,350	1,520	1,585	1,516	1,533	1,568	1,827	1,390	1,323	1,604	1,624	1,703	1,629	1,592
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,834	41,935	42,710	41,655	43,342	43,909	50,029	37,407	36,090	43,347	45,059	47,483	45,405	42,313
Birmingham		5,034,519	416,066	441,565	424,887	419,512	425,142	498,571	387,132	370,971	447,183	449,655	472,618	452,834	435,347
Dothan		643,436	53,806	54,948	50,937	54,591	54,315	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,051	59,546	55,509	55,103
Florence		612,888	51,052	52,215	49,323	51,908	52,850	64,698	43,838	40,904	52,436	54,639	55,381	51,131	52,853
Gadsden		459,926	42,001	41,122	37,135	38,511	37,763	44,631	33,381	31,453	38,726	39,657	42,826	41,684	40,180
Huntsville		1,049,543	86,605	89,933	84,850	87,099	92,205	108,884	78,971	76,389	92,107	96,323	100,559	91,617	94,342
Mobile		2,098,840	179,509	184,252	168,742	172,233	174,689	203,253	157,957	149,260	179,257	183,116	191,362	178,828	182,960
Montgomery		1,429,862	119,652	122,078	117,390	116,468	124,795	146,157	108,026	105,854	125,677	123,877	130,665	130,596	126,348
Tuscaloosa		631,364	51,062	55,374	53,491	53,217	53,091	64,765	47,112	47,132	55,383	55,540	58,480	54,494	53,509
Counties															
Autauga		96,686	8,424	8,224	8,064	7,968	8,245	9,252	7,467	7,890	8,859	9,043	9,445	8,765	9,046
Baldwin		341,754	31,163	31,427	28,090	28,125	27,843	30,591	24,774	24,571	30,464	31,613	33,077	31,616	33,529
Barbour		71,583	6,188	6,669	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,396	6,157	6,142
Bibb		41,387	3,266	3,621	3,270	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,595	3,807	3,750	3,486
Blount		89,053	7,472	8,248	7,349	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,164	9,001	8,787	8,135
Bullock		25,653	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,097	2,020	2,060	2,074	1,905
Butler		65,569	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,090	4,607	5,466	5,237	5,623	5,167	5,116
Calhoun		507,834	41,935	42,710	41,655	43,342	43,909	50,029	37,407	36,090	43,347	45,059	47,483	45,405	42,313
Chambers		107,006	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,542	9,067	8,947	9,689	8,487	10,805
Cherokee		47,898	3,861	4,172	3,757	4,016	3,799	4,400	3,756	3,416	4,116	4,645	4,445	4,013	4,574
Chilton		99,860	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,821	10,204	7,552	7,861	9,409	9,373	9,820	9,091	8,822
Choctaw		36,636	3,098	3,197	2,845	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,112	2,758	3,131	3,085	2,991	3,206	2,913
Clarke		98,648	7,671	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,075	7,889	7,378	8,771	8,987	9,399	8,524	8,785
Clay		26,368	2,172	2,267	2,194	2,172	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,135	2,255	2,512	2,419	2,184
Cleburne		22,198	2,094	1,897	1,756	1,878	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,377	1,925	2,297	2,126	2,555	2,156
Coffee		185,557	14,953	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,961	17,770	13,736	13,685	15,555	16,327	16,391	15,569	16,257

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual 1983	Annual 1984	1984 July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1985 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249 927	21 518	21 620	20 081	20 961	20 491	23 849	17 395	17 171	21 202	21 946	21 095	20 994	20 880
Conecuh		37 533	2 977	2 573	4 121	2 422	2 973	3 603	2 746	2 682	3 231	2 992	3 232	3 087	2 477
Coosa		8 926	760	826	813	842	828	899	764	710	807	796	472	888	832
Covington		136 960	11 258	12 007	11 062	11 338	10 909	13 089	9 838	9 774	11 404	11 658	12 349	11 723	11 829
Crenshaw		30 737	2 466	2 348	2 179	2 666	3 071	3 159	2 541	2 513	2 983	3 002	2 906	3 257	3 197
Cullman		237 609	20 016	19 896	19 142	21 056	20 370	24 432	16 823	16 247	21 542	21 521	22 660	20 196	21 080
Dale		104 914	8 946	8 614	8 908	9 289	9 026	10 688	7 839	8 096	4 746	9 652	9 991	8 748	9 631
Dallas		199 170	16 277	16 468	16 192	17 141	17 232	19 682	15 405	14 212	16 871	17 663	16 048	17 082	17 221
DeKalb		180 383	14 959	15 493	14 942	15 254	15 829	17 567	12 341	11 474	15 327	15 428	16 921	17 148	15 016
Elmore		102 062	8 024	9 008	8 784	8 153	8 366	9 851	7 622	7 965	9 305	9 445	9 407	9 436	9 520
Escambia		141 758	11 361	11 102	11 279	12 263	11 884	14 719	10 567	10 415	11 979	12 679	13 060	12 764	11 403
Etowah		459 906	42 001	41 122	37 135	38 511	37 169	44 601	33 361	31 453	38 726	39 657	42 926	41 684	40 160
Fayette		64 918	4 967	5 280	5 732	5 116	5 061	6 390	4 372	4 575	5 231	5 292	5 347	5 854	4 908
Franklin		99 527	8 747	8 530	8 174	8 023	8 795	9 190	7 612	7 156	13 250	8 469	8 614	8 679	7 114
Geneva		144 928	11 617	11 908	11 847	11 669	12 648	13 673	11 377	11 273	12 075	12 228	12 676	12 460	12 303
Greene[1]		18 310	2 062	1 611	1 088	1 509	1 199	1 461	1 232	1 117	1 347	1 357	1 849	1 412	1 417
Hale		31 290	2 528	2 780	2 601	2 522	2 610	2 713	2 497	2 198	2 492	2 723	3 025	2 746	2 677
Henry		35 727	2 951	2 999	3 260	2 790	3 225	3 684	3 300	2 851	3 001	3 222	[illegible]	3 147	3 066
Houston		584 122	44 860	46 114	42 329	45 832	45 289	53 083	40 215	39 659	45 315	46 199	49 035	45 761	46 968
Jackson		136 606	11 203	12 671	11 327	12 108	12 179	13 532	10 299	10 326	12 760	12 594	13 317	11 977	11 635
Jefferson		4 279 774	352 302	374 682	362 309	355 335	361 405	420 807	326 894	315 212	378 342	379 502	396 429	374 960	366 310
Lamar		37 982	3 128	3 078	2 965	2 959	3 154	3 282	2 802	2 453	3 253	3 206	3 293	3 658	3 536
Lauderdale		362 961	29 514	30 196	29 242	30 947	32 369	40 649	26 443	23 703	31 234	32 493	33 576	31 042	31 473
Lawrence		51 749	4 104	4 433	4 239	4 404	4 546	5 267	3 842	3 745	4 567	4 493	5 069	4 558	4 013
Lee		346 617	29 067	29 077	28 615	29 365	30 574	34 909	21 244	24 103	24 442	30 491	32 235	29 759	29 064
Limestone		161 476	13 127	13 688	13 414	13 503	13 969	15 610	12 216	12 240	14 779	15 065	15 650	15 428	13 926
Lowndes		16 951	1 036	1 368	1 372	1 477	1 411	1 713	1 426	1 571	1 709	1 609	1 634	1 946	1 773
Macon		41 117	3 770	4 291	4 001	3 881	3 644	3 987	1 693	2 941	3 445	3 612	3 674	3 572	3 607
Madison		1 049 143	96 605	89 933	84 810	87 099	92 [illegible]	108 664	78 971	76 389	92 [illegible]	96 [illegible]	100 [illegible]	97 617	94 342
Marengo		69 342	5 470	5 447	5 480	5 903	6 441	7 229	6 107	5 512	6 238	6 513	6 272	5 984	7 121
Marion		90 311	7 814	7 998	7 852	7 603	8 331	10 053	7 627	6 419	8 433	8 658	8 201	9 941	8 475
Marshall		319 012	27 281	29 607	26 248	28 412	29 525	33 451	25 119	24 663	31 299	32 912	34 640	30 628	31 764
Mobile		1 757 086	149 346	152 825	140 652	144 108	146 946	172 662	133 183	124 669	148 793	141 503	156 240	147 212	149 411
Monroe		102 728	8 721	9 954	9 190	8 969	11 484	10 934	8 091	6 004	8 260	7 880	8 388	8 436	7 818
Montgomery		1 231 114	102 604	104 846	100 842	100 947	106 144	127 054	92 887	90 099	107 513	105 304	111 853	112 388	108 177
Morgan		452 378	36 426	38 761	38 015	36 353	39 930	41 175	32 642	31 938	40 760	43 772	41 835	41 160	42 929
Perry		25 103	2 096	2 314	2 478	2 165	1 998	2 163	1 763	1 785	2 099	2 083	2 108	2 073	1 970
Pickens		41 346	3 461	3 567	3 319	3 586	3 300	3 777	2 796	2 963	3 499	3 672	3 969	3 582	3 568
Pike		90 744	7 116	7 896	7 633	8 102	7 769	9 032	7 787	6 616	7 729	7 664	8 724	8 589	7 357
Randolph		57 911	4 674	4 448	4 674	4 794	5 167	5 356	5 343	4 466	4 942	4 769	4 772	4 826	3 962
Russell		121 302	10 519	10 776	10 084	10 307	10 109	11 825	9 101	8 699	10 237	11 348	11 237	10 357	9 941
St. Clair		120 991	10 100	10 241	10 144	10 926	9 511	10 821	9 036	9 344	11 458	11 842	12 860	12 946	11 312
Shelby		253 358	21 964	22 310	20 885	21 259	20 906	21 848	21 142	18 073	23 012	22 979	24 914	23 748	22 683
Sumter		30 087	2 534	2 159	2 434	2 610	2 890	3 107	2 488	2 259	2 388	2 706	2 604	2 502	2 209
Talladega		240 116	20 639	19 748	18 619	19 191	20 116	23 681	18 172	17 340	20 426	21 344	24 919	21 641	22 379
Tallapoosa		127 480	10 720	10 388	9 840	10 119	10 787	11 807	9 525	8 756	11 597	11 134	12 474	12 060	10 719
Tuscaloosa		631 364	51 062	55 374	53 491	53 217	53 591	64 765	47 112	47 132	56 383	55 547	58 460	54 494	53 504
Walker		291 343	24 529	25 164	24 050	24 608	25 774	28 514	23 126	21 547	26 069	27 149	29 992	28 003	26 668
Washington		21 464	1 699	2 022	1 791	1 988	1 630	1 766	1 498	1 587	1 697	1 740	1 976	1 645	1 906
Wilcox		27 999	2 356	2 313	2 227	2 292	2 169	2 605	2 116	2 045	2 220	2 135	2 267	2 320	1 952
Winston		71 301	5 737	6 074	5 996	5 919	5 934	6 691	5 525	5 127	6 767	6 481	6 896	6 789	6 127
Statewide		973 678	76 393	82 147	83 111	86 149	88 089	107 024	79 878	85 051	83 489	81 401	85 362	40 313	43 288
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1 079 065	1 258 532	99 776	147 117	90 497	84 514	95 153	105 139	50 041	85 752	123 177	106 371	116 575	94 768	108 430
Residential	449 681	439 383	36 909	42 389	33 332	36 366	36 652	20 474	25 963	26 712	45 267	30 039	35 047	42 196	40 234
Nonresidential	366 127	586 743	44 597	79 263	27 121	29 249	36 821	66 040	21 030	29 487	60 364	41 660	41 114	17 414	49 934
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	6 846	6 869	800	744	494	737	609	613	109	527	420	844	158	763	678
Residential	3 193	3 030	322	317	248	256	270	253	288	272	384	329	100	331	299
Nonresidential	932	1 213	104	90	90	95	93	75	111	73	36	110	104	85	104
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213 343	104 141	4 169	14 214	10 009	5 167	12 345	13 105	5 535	11 188	14 508	10 021	33 775	8 956	14 621
Residential	31 901	15 598	763	1 285	1 271	1 076	963	802	772	1 241	1 301	1 615	6 607	4 865	2 706
Nonresidential	108 370	25 726	2 369	1 967	3 606	4 675	1 568	1 114	2 167	2 717	8 497	8 406	21 476	4 097	8 116
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14 095	19 028	1 909	2 170	1 767	1 920	1 729	1 476	1 444	1 133	1 939	2 061	1 895	1 021	2 359
Residential	7 340	11 596	1 080	1 357	1 053	1 142	1 052	497	614	570	1 138	1 184	906	700	882
Nonresidential	2 116	2 744	335	429	318	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	480	513
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	16 043	17 520	901	1 099	1 344	1 857	3 461	1 458	967	596	832	2 986	1 484	8 242	2 347
Residential	7 760	6 718	182	226	378	670	1 405	203	324	432	393	556	703	364	644
Nonresidential	6 339	5 478	125	641	666	960	680	483	58	118	46	2 096	597	1 714	1 562
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13 596	9 310	166	260	886	2 546	1 057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729
Residential	2 006	2 129	26	74	46	33	128		66	103	462		126	303	12
Nonresidential	3 912	5 826	101	143	813	2 331	894	186	40	141	474	144	50	290	58
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122 759	147 927	14 007	14 163	6 626	8 187	13 808	19 407	6 178	6 268	24 795	15 973	13 031	7 737	20 212
Residential	51 350	55 064	3 331	6 078	2 825	2 982	8 817	1 593	2 863	1 440	3 194	2 683	5 377	2 233	3 555
Nonresidential	45 128	73 370	9 394	6 045	3 339	3 835	3 266	15 945	2 568	2 755	18 064	11 107	5 444	3 647	14 893
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109 508	254 605	6 707	4 020	6 484	10 322	10 320	31 156	7 730	4 770	6 893	5 991	8 130	7 774	6 815
Residential	38 261	26 314	3 208	1 071	1 201	2 636	1 673	1 065	1 478	1 738	1 234	1 372	2 927	1 619	1 212
Nonresidential	49 663	197 690	2 127	1 153	3 886	2 288	7 264	28 688	5 120	2 165	4 458	3 186	2 775	4 835	4 213

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984						1985						
	1983	1984	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76 984	94 862	8 192	8 070	7 254	8 188	11 037	6 049	6 554	6 027	5 624	9 126	8 163	7 901	9 350
Residential	32 619	35 697	3 504	3 361	2 901	3 262	5 363	2 557	2 140	3 036	3 836	4 096	4 356	4 009	3 863
Nonresidential	28 264	46 198	3 719	3 896	3 407	4 000	5 193	2 843	3 750	2 321	3 960	4 060	5 001	5 054	4 567
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12 976	39 267	2 227	1 584	2 246	1 917	906	12 947	498	532	1 416	2 138	1 707	2 024	1 319
Residential	6 391	7 172	403	721	503	436	381	126	351	177	704	606	709	178	152
Nonresidential	3 506	20 675	1 268	160	196	323	178	12 150	48	51	179	442	998	403	166
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4 197	1 082	594	164	619	192	309	312	36	109	164	73	237	69	
Residential	357	643	148	73		76	30		36	109	164	73	237	69	
Nonresidential	798	1 908	7		617	4	188	367							
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	20 176	34 319	1 719	2 465	2 462	2 225	2 513	3 739	1 425	7 965	3 678	8 455	5 627	2 164	3 195
Residential	14 949	15 717	737	1 834	1 350	789	1 208	1 258	699	4 028	2 792	6 726	4 967	1 805	2 207
Nonresidential	6 227	18 797	635	985	552	1 141	164	2 224	700	2 007	397	674	2 596	482	524

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Alabama's Occupational Employment Outlook

Headlong growth of new technologies and national economic recessions have combined in recent years to heighten concerns about future employment opportunities in numerous blue- and white-collar occupations. For example, there seems to be a growing fear that an army of steel-collar robots will displace welders and other blue-collar workers in our traditional "smoke-stack" industries. Numerous white-collar jobs also are perceived to be in jeopardy as word processors erase typing pool jobs and as expanding computer graphics capabilities eliminate the need for drafters.

Fear of job loss because of structural economic change has deep historical roots. In eighteenth-century England, the Luddites smashed new textile looms that appeared to threaten their jobs. Similar fears have troubled American workers since the spread of railroads in the nineteenth century and the later proliferation of automobiles and airplanes. For some workers, such as wagonmakers and blacksmiths, job changes had to be made. Fortunately, our historical experience has been that the actual decline of wagonmaking and blacksmithing jobs was more than offset by the expansion of jobs for these workers as automobile welders and engine mechanics.

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations has forecasted which occupations in our state will be fast growing and which will be declining. Some of the fast growing occupations for 1995 are: vocational education teachers, office machine servicers, computer systems analysts, sewing machine mechanics, and computer operators. Declining occupations include: farmers and farm workers, maids and servants, graduate assistants, and college teachers.

The composition of Alabama's work force in 1995 will be:

White-collar workers	49%
Blue-collar workers	35%
Service workers	14%
Farmers and farm workers	2%

More information can be found in the November 1984 issue of *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and *Alabama Occupational Trends for 1995*, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, April, 1985.

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Alabama Economic Outlook: Primary Metals

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The September issue of **Alabama Business** offered a brief overview of Alabama manufacturing with a focus on the nondurable goods textile industry. This month we turn our attention to durable manufacturing and primary metals in particular. As indicated earlier, the period 1979-82 was a costly one for Alabama manufacturing. *As a result of the recession, Alabama manufacturing lost 37,600 jobs between 1979 and 1982, with 29,300, or 77.7 percent in the durable good industries.* Fifty-two percent of durable manufacturing job losses with in primary metals.

Durable Manufacturing

Durable goods manufacturing industries suffered worse than nondurable industries. With 1979-83 real output down 16.6 percent and four consecutive years of employment declines resulting in a loss of nearly 30,000 jobs, the composition of durable manufacturing in Alabama has changed rather dramatically for the foreseeable future. Total output is not expected to regain 1979 levels until 1987, and employment is expected to remain below the 1979 level through 1990.

Primary Metals

This major group includes establishments engaged in the smelting and refining of metals from ore, pig, or scrap; in the rolling, drawing, and alloying of metals; in the manufacture of castings and other basic products of metals; and in the manufacture of nails, spikes, and insulated wire and cable. This group also includes the production of coke.

Many people think of the primary metals industry in Alabama as being synonymous with the steel industry, but aluminum is also important in the state's primary metals industry. In 1982 more than 9,700 people were employed in primary production of aluminum, including aluminum rolling and drawing or castings. Tuscaloosa County has a large aluminum products company, but most aluminum manufacturing in Alabama takes place in Colbert County. The large primary steel industries are in Jefferson County.

Plates, bars, sheets, and tubes of steel or aluminum are considered primary metals industry products. These products are then used by the fabricated metals industry to make such things as cans, tanks, tools, and many other kinds of equipment.

Recent trends. Vastly undercapitalized with aging plants and facilities, the decline of the steel industry has been in the making for some time. *Current estimates show a devastating drop in output of 53 percent over the ten-year period 1974-1983.* As a result, the relative importance of the primary metals industry in Alabama has fallen from 5.6 percent of real Gross State Product in 1974 to 2.1 percent in 1983. U.S. primary metals output fell by 35 percent over the same period with an associated downward shift in GNP share from 2 percent to 1 percent.

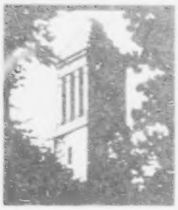
The human cost in Alabama was equally dramatic with an estimated 20,900 lost jobs. Of these, 19,000 workers were laid off over the four-year period 1979-83. Primary metals employment has been on the decline since 1974 though there was a short-lived rebound in 1977-78. The years 1982 and 1983 show an unprecedented decline for an Alabama industry with employment losses of 20.5 and 12.9 percent respectively.

While employment losses have been overwhelming, the average annual wage rate has been growing rapidly. Starting at $12,600 in 1974, the highest private sector average annual wage (second only to federal civilian), wages grew by over 10 percent a year to reach $26,800 in 1983. Only mining and paper, with average annual wages of $27,000 and $29,000, pay more.

Outlook. The forecast for the balance of the decade calls for an average annual growth rate of 3.5 percent through 1990. On a cyclical basis, retrenchments are expected in 1986 and 1990 when output is expected to decline slightly for each year. The Alabama economy is expected to grow a little more rapidly than the U.S. as a whole. National projections forecast U.S. growth to average only 3.0 percent for the period 1984-90.

Employment will climb an average of only 1.2 percent a year over the same period. *Employment is expected to climb to only 27,900 workers in 1990, only 2,100 more than 1983 and 18,800 less than the high of 46,700 in 1974.* As a consequence, primary metals' share of Alabama total employment will continue to fall from 1.6 percent in 1983 to 1.5 percent in 1990.

Wage rates are expected to continue to rise faster than labor productivity. Current forecasts project a 12.3 percent average annual increase through 1990. Such increases are based on continuing wage pressure and a willingness of industry officials to grant such raises. On the basis of these projections, primary metals will pay the highest average annual wage of any public or private sector industry.



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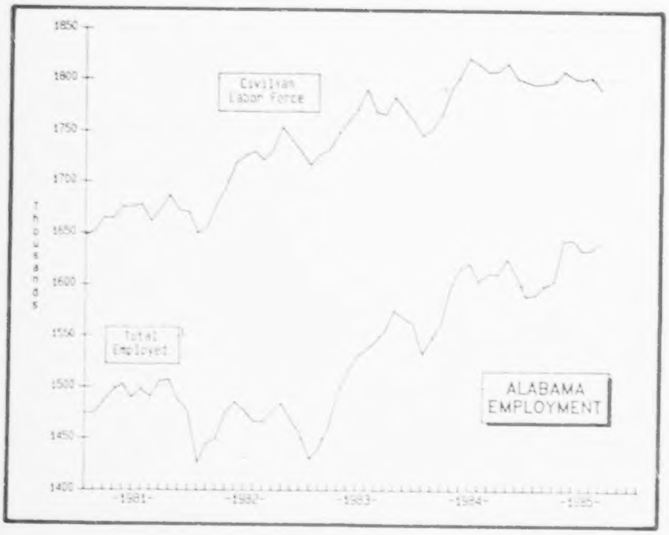

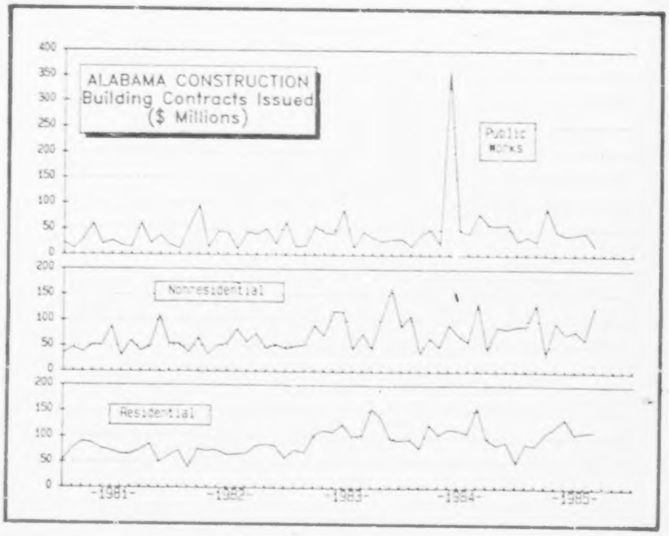

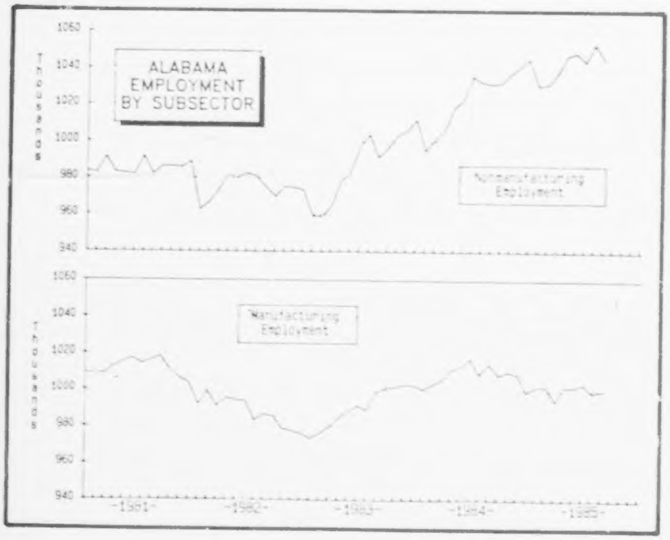

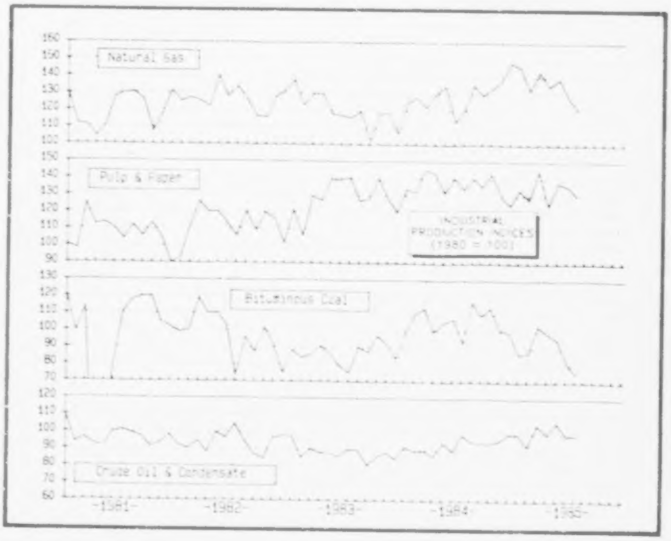

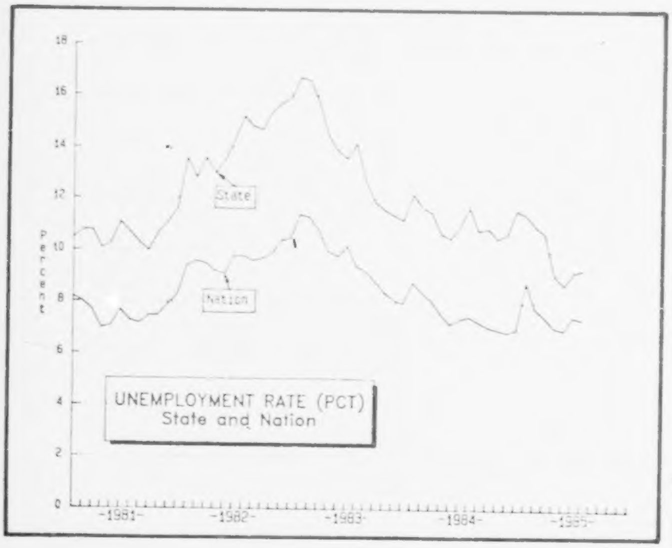

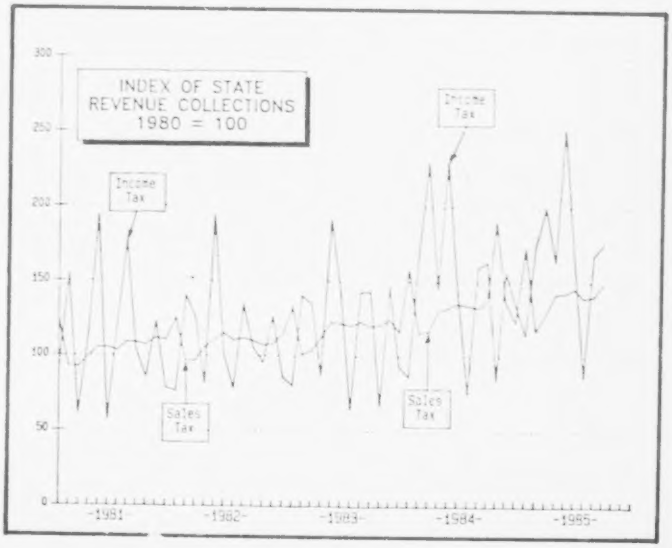

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984					1985							
	1983	1984	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,298	2,189	2,101	1,911	1,604	1,760
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	11,896	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,645	12,250	11,296	10,567	12,331
Cotton consumption ([illegible] lbs.)	360,820	338,597	29,870	28,420	30,981	26,517	25,208	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,462	31,802	21,642	23,667	31,292
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,762	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,781	1,886	[illegible]	1,752	1,808
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,320	24,200	2,146	2,185	2,097	2,083	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,890	1,931	1,924	2,049	1,930	2,081
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	559	540	571	520	496	500	509	516	496	[illegible]	542	519	544
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,020,500	372,700	203,600	230,000	235,000	166,700	215,200	243,700	274,700	265,000	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Residential	1,286,500	1,223,700	157,100	99,300	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	153,400
Nonresidential	1,025,800	922,800	134,000	42,700	88,100	84,200	89,800	90,300	133,100	90,000	97,400	72,100	[illegible]	[illegible]	127,100
Public works and utilities	451,500	874,700	81,500	60,100	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	59,400	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	117	103	101	100	84	64	77	100	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,867	5,606	5,691	5,741	5,805	5,867	5,961	6,015	6,119	6,159	6,219	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,266,165	2,637,841	271,569	241,630	225,950	217,529	186,996	234,064	208,145	263,264	254,000	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Franchise	52,214	64,476	2,815	6,357	4,799	2,517	292	742	1,411	11,254	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,367	207,096	17,702	18,217	18,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,861	14,471	16,794	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	815,838	1,009,832	90,701	92,444	88,127	88,814	56,705	89,374	99,676	111,817	[illegible]	[illegible]	94,449	48,906	[illegible]
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	5,267	5,166	4,582	5,374	4,879	4,172	4,033	4,843	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oil/gas privilege	69,445	70,183	9,662	5,294	6,319	4,629	6,159	5,829	5,147	7,786	[illegible]	8,841	4,741	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oil/gas production	17,296	17,551	1,722	1,419	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,594	1,517	2,173	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sales	609,132	704,099	66,957	58,767	57,490	58,477	52,780	74,092	60,419	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765		11	13,636	60		13,609		1	15,200	889	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	2,867	6,896		3,451	3,451	3,451	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,451	[illegible]
Tobacco	68,914	71,022	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,909	5,313	6,299	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Use	64,119	71,723	1,310	1,419	19,146	7,390	[illegible]	18,440	842	848	17,814	444	[illegible]	17,919	814
Utility	152,287	161,261	14,277	12,234	10,427	11,989	11,322	16,318	12,714	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	[illegible]
Percent Change	3.2	4.3	.4	.5	.3	[illegible]	.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Food	291.7	302.9	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.5	305.5	307.3	309.1	308.7	308.8	308.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Housing	323.1	336.5	339.6	341.4	341.2	340.4	341.2	342.7	343.6	344.1	345.9	346.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	352.8
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	390.5	397.0	392.4	387.1	386.5	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	391.1	393.4	399.9	396.4
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.6	201.8	[illegible]	203.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transportation	298.4	311.7	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.4	314.7	314.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	321.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medical care	357.3	379.5	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.1	388.1	391.1	393.6	396.1	398.2	399.0	401.7	404.0	406.6
Energy	419.3	423.6	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	416.9	414.1	411.6	416.6	424.4	431.7	426.5	427.7	417.6
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	310.7	309.3	309.1	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	[illegible]	310.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.5	322.2	323.4	323.6	323.7	322.9	322.2	322.1	323.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.00) As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	319	318	317	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309
Wholesale prices	330	322	322	323	323	322	323	323	324	324	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	324	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,844.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,811.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.5	1,808.2	1,812.2	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7
Unemployment	240.0	200.2	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	199.9	193.1	164.9	177.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	149.0
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	9.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.3
Employment	1,518.0	1,644.0	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.0	1,643.3	1,644.6	1,631.6	1,634.4	1,642.7
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.7	1,382.4	1,399.1	1,410.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	364.6	358.1	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.0	348.9	351.6
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.8	174.6	175.0	176.6	173.1	173.0
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	30.6	30.4	30.1	29.6	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2
Primary metals	24.6	26.4	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.1	26.2	25.7	25.9
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.4	7.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6
Fabricated metals	21.6	23.0	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9
Transportation	21.7	25.3	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.4	25.7	25.1	26.0	25.8	26.3	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.5
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	176.2	175.8	177.5
Food	27.0	28.0	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	36.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	36.1	36.1
Apparel	54.9	55.0	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	45.9	48.4	50.0
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.6	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5
Trans., comm.; and utilities	69.7	72.1	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0
Trade	273.3	290.3	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6
Retail	203.1	216.7	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0
Government	292.7	293.8	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1
State and local	227.3	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984					1985							
	1983	1984	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity: State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207 309	212 083	20 649	16 081	21 966	18 684	13 391	21 285	16 261	18 276	17 001	19 428	21 102	24 409	22 672
Nonagricultural placements	91 100	97 761	14 203	7 719	7 844	6 543	4 676	5 229	4 821	6 204	6 961	7 951	6 768	16 232	10 117
Unemployment compensation:															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428 181	435 832	37 376	29 346	36 116	35 891	41 032	74 650	34 630	32 416	29 881	29 414	23 918	46 991	28 338
Payments ($1 000)	191 868	172 593	15 564	12 256	13 716	14 253	16 158	21 274	16 520	15 977	13 782	14 098	11 620	15 246	17 254
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate):															
Autauga	15 590	15 670	15 640	15 780	15 800	16 070	15 920	15 910	15 880	15 910	16 000	16 150	15 880	15 900	15 910
	14.2	9.6	8.4	9.1	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	8.1	9.1	8.1	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7
Baldwin	34 220	35 530	36 400	37 450	35 440	35 830	37 380	35 550	35 880	37 120	36 270	35 530	35 770	35 870	35 160
	12.1	10.9	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.4	7.5	7.2	6.8
Barbour	11 990	12 220	12 320	12 480	12 740	12 340	12 200	11 900	11 950	12 450	12 100	12 280	12 390	12 210	12 140
	14.1	10.5	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.7	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.7	10.8	9.2
Bibb	5 960	6 240	6 380	6 310	6 250	6 300	6 210	6 210	6 190	6 180	6 170	6 280	6 330	6 290	6 310
	19.5	16.6	14.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.4	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	11.3	11.5
Blount	16 380	16 760	16 450	16 520	16 640	16 690	16 990	17 070	16 620	16 570	16 640	16 720	16 450	16 500	16 280
	15.2	11.0	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.6	12.3	9.6	8.8	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	7.7
Bullock	4 600	4 520	4 570	4 730	4 980	4 730	4 500	4 330	4 390	4 310	4 490	4 640	4 630	4 570	4 570
	11.2	14.5	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.6	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.8	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0
Butler	9 790	9 800	9 870	10 000	10 190	9 710	9 650	9 560	9 560	9 660	9 550	9 610	9 700	9 610	9 630
	11.4	13.8	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.1	11.9	12.1	10.1
Calhoun	46 220	47 500	48 190	47 840	48 210	48 110	48 020	47 960	48 150	47 830	47 930	47 910	48 230	48 350	48 220
	13.1	11.3	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.1	10.2	10.4	10.2	8.7
Chambers	16 750	16 500	16 570	16 380	16 200	15 930	15 960	16 050	16 340	16 240	16 670	16 160	16 340	16 380	16 180
	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.1	11.1	9.7
Cherokee	11 300	11 670	12 090	12 320	12 290	11 620	11 080	11 300	11 290	11 010	11 150	11 300	11 120	11 000	10 990
	15.2	14.0	8.1	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.1	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4
Chilton	15 530	16 180	16 070	15 950	16 030	15 960	16 520	15 840	15 780	15 730	16 040	15 900	15 810	15 840	15 810
	13.1	11.3	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5
Choctaw	5 510	5 790	5 730	6 050	5 850	5 820	5 930	5 780	5 870	6 060	5 880	5 840	5 840	5 780	5 690
	15.1	16.3	14.8	22.4	18.8	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	14.8	16.4	16.1	17.9	14.8
Clarke	10 750	10 630	10 600	10 810	10 400	10 540	10 550	10 420	10 560	10 370	10 240	10 190	10 320	10 360	9 940
	16.2	14.3	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.6	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2
Clay	7 360	7 580	7 740	7 740	7 670	7 610	7 580	7 530	7 360	7 600	7 370	7 600	7 420	7 410	7 490
	14.0	10.9	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.2	10.8	13.9	9.6	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1
Cleburne	5 140	5 260	5 170	5 240	5 310	5 320	5 310	5 340	5 380	5 440	5 180	5 140	5 330	5 410	5 210
	12.4	10.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	11.5	8.7
Coffee	19 830	20 210	20 350	20 410	20 900	20 250	19 890	19 730	19 930	20 140	20 270	20 180	19 880	19 930	19 890
	10.9	8.4	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5
Colbert	21 700	20 820	24 120	24 080	23 810	23 920	23 880	23 760	24 290	23 840	24 130	23 780	23 540	23 150	23 290
	18.1	16.4	16.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.6	16.0	16.0	14.9	14.4	14.1	13.4	12.5
Conecuh	6 810	7 210	7 060	7 680	7 420	7 350	7 050	7 280	7 290	7 580	7 340	7 310	7 230	7 220	7 300
	12.7	11.8	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	11.3	11.3	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.6
Coosa	5 500	5 600	5 620	5 770	5 710	5 790	5 690	5 830	5 670	5 820	5 770	5 850	5 840	5 900	6 000
	10.3	8.0	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.1	8.3	6.6	6.4	6.7	5.4
Covington	16 380	16 370	16 470	16 250	16 520	16 090	16 360	17 060	16 680	16 440	16 380	16 140	16 120	15 980	15 800
	12.2	9.9	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.6	10.6	9.6	9.2
Crenshaw	7 210	7 460	7 310	7 950	7 840	7 440	7 340	6 990	7 090	7 330	7 330	7 450	7 160	7 090	7 160
	12.1	11.0	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.1	10.3	17.0	8.0	9.1	7.8	7.3	6.1
Cullman	28 190	29 550	30 220	30 070	30 600	29 960	29 470	30 020	29 690	29 400	29 720	29 910	29 780	29 260	29 580
	14.7	11.5	12.1	9.6	10.3	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4
Dale	22 200	22 740	22 690	22 980	23 210	22 920	22 640	22 650	22 810	22 830	23 000	23 310	23 220	23 220	23 100
	9.1	7.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.1	6.8	6.8	6.2	7.1	5.7
Dallas	23 290	23 130	23 460	23 510	23 690	23 250	23 140	23 160	23 160	23 060	22 920	23 130	23 130	23 570	22 940
	17.6	15.7	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	11.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.4	13.6
DeKalb	29 870	30 830	31 660	31 050	31 330	30 940	30 670	30 670	30 930	30 660	30 840	30 740	30 900	31 210	31 560
	13.6	10.8	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.1
Elmore	20 620	20 770	20 900	20 940	21 020	20 910	20 810	20 900	21 170	21 270	21 510	21 670	21 580	21 290	21 180
	12.2	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	8.2
Escambia	17 330	18 110	18 140	18 610	18 100	18 270	18 360	18 070	17 910	17 990	18 010	17 980	17 910	17 940	17 750
	12.5	12.1	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.1	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7
Etowah	42 290	42 610	43 190	43 200	43 020	42 890	42 870	42 270	42 210	41 870	41 940	41 800	41 880	42 130	41 910
	17.4	13.4	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.1	14.0	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7
Fayette	10 100	10 440	10 370	10 580	10 570	10 610	10 440	10 510	10 500	10 620	10 540	10 480	10 250	10 060	10 110
	11.1	9.6	10.1	12.2	10.2	17.0	12.0	11.6	12.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.5	10.6
Franklin	14 110	14 830	14 930	14 520	14 610	14 550	14 560	14 420	14 590	14 280	14 290	14 300	14 310	14 310	14 140
	16.2	16.6	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.1	13.8	13.1	13.8	14.5	11.2
Geneva	11 360	11 740	11 740	11 920	12 370	11 900	11 560	11 620	11 660	12 260	12 010	11 960	11 660	11 480	11 600
	10.4	8.2	7.2	6.8	8.1	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8
Greene	4 660	4 760	4 840	4 910	4 880	4 750	4 740	4 660	4 780	4 780	4 660	4 650	4 610	4 600	4 600
	16.6	17.1	15.8	18.3	11.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7
Hale	5 340	5 480	5 480	5 580	5 390	5 490	5 480	5 290	5 320	5 340	5 340	5 440	5 260	5 340	5 280
	16.5	17.1	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2
Henry	7 240	7 290	7 320	7 580	7 730	7 480	7 150	7 090	7 160	7 390	7 520	7 540	7 200	7 290	7 270
	11.2	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9
Houston	35 860	36 540	36 460	36 860	37 340	37 050	36 620	36 730	36 900	36 940	37 280	37 200	37 400	37 250	37 310
	11.3	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5
Jackson	20 680	19 290	19 550	19 420	19 710	19 840	19 840	19 240	19 350	19 520	19 730	19 430	19 130	19 080	19 060
	22.1	16.8	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2
Jefferson	302 570	303 510	305 990	304 420	305 220	300 770	301 180	300 140	301 670	301 150	304 610	303 290	302 540	305 030	303 050
	13.1	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0
Lamar	8 860	9 340	9 320	9 410	9 480	9 530	9 460	9 520	9 620	9 600	9 680	9 610	9 770	9 850	9 800
	9.7	7.3	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3
Lauderdale	35 050	35 600	36 140	35 930	35 880	35 660	35 060	35 300	34 980	34 750	34 730	34 610	34 580	34 910	34 510
	16.6	14.8	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.6	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5
Lawrence	14 340	13 450	13 400	13 390	13 470	13 330	13 010	13 230	13 220	13 030	13 200	13 190	13 140	13 110	13 140
	18.8	15.1	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8
Lee	35 870	38 470	38 310	37 820	38 820	39 080	38 850	39 030	39 190	39 130	39 370	39 260	38 210	38 160	37 880
	8.4	6.5	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1
Limestone	19 310	20 230	20 130	20 650	21 100	20 830	20 740	20 810	21 160	21 340	21 860	22 180	21 960	22 060	22 290
	14.1	10.8	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2
Lowndes	5 190	5 090	5 150	5 160	5 150	5 190	5 070	4 890	4 920	4 950	5 000	5 040	4 990	5 250	5 180
	17.9	18.3	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8
Macon	7 950	8 150	8 310	8 070	8 540	8 300	8 210	8 220	8 340	8 380	8 470	8 560	8 410	8 340	8 450
	13.6	11.1	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8
Madison	109 350	117 780	119 890	119 640	121 170	120 430	120 830	122 530	121 450	121 250	122 770	122 590	123 540	123 080	124 130
	8.5	7.1	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6
Marengo	9 800	9 720	9 760	10 250	9 960	9 720	9 930	9 530	9 520	9 830	9 520	9 560	9 480	9 590	9 450
	15.5	14.2	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1
Marion	13 700	13 580	13 680	13 530	13 710	13 620	13 750	14 000	13 610	13 440	13 450	13 190	13 300	13 530	13 170
	19.4	14.9	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2
Marshall	31 080	33 050	33 060	33 120	33 390	32 900	33 560	33 140	32 930	32 690	32 970	32 810	32 800	33 150	32 850
	14.4	12.6	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1
Mobile	162 590	164 730	167 210	164 480	166 680	165 400	164 050	164 610	164 440	164 180	166 910	165 310	167 320	167 650	164 080
	15.9	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984					1985							
	1983	1984	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620
	12.6	16.2	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	10.9	12.8	29.1	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670
	10.6	8.8	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5
Morgan	37,910	38,870	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,690	39,190	39,000	38,580
	14.5	11.5	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4
Perry	5,860	5,820	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030
	14.8	13.3	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.8
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,090	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170
	18.0	15.9	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	16.8	15.9	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,620	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730
	13.7	10.1	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	9.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,870	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460
	17.9	14.9	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	11.7	10.2	9.4	8.9	10.1	9.0
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,760	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660
	13.7	12.9	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,000	19,750	19,480	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940
	14.2	11.5	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	10.7	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7
Shelby	31,300	31,910	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,800	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790
	12.1	10.3	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.6	8.4	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,090	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940
	14.3	11.5	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,240	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740
	17.2	15.8	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.8	16.9	16.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,140	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,090	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240
	12.1	9.4	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	56,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630
	12.4	9.6	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320
	16.3	13.3	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.5	8.5	7.2
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,190	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170
	20.0	18.1	18.2	20.8	18.6	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,620	5,530	5,640	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,160	5,230	5,080
	20.2	15.3	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.5	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	14.5	16.6	12.8
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,800	8,780
	18.7	19.6	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9	15.2
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	60,625	64,445	72,690	79,539	74,582	74,930	70,616		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,288	9,484	1,019	1,032	977	477	1,262	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,536	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	2,292	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,549	3,382	3,445	1,624	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	1,224	2,896
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,795	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,739	1,617	1,733	2,243	2,427	2,554
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,905,267	166,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,026	160,821	166,534	153,620	166,020	
New passenger car registrations (number)	122,393	141,896	12,579	15,881	11,452	11,647	11,757	10,748	10,403	12,107	12,522	13,391	13,712	13,486	13,297
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,649	309	310	304	304	328	309	292	317	308	314	324	305	316
General stores with food and gas		175	15	15	15	14	15	14	13	16	16	16	16	17	16
General merchandise		2,382	190	181	185	236	356	161	150	198	212	213	205	194	207
Apparel		568	48	46	48	52	77	38	35	52	51	48	44	43	51
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	46	43	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	49	46	47	50
Automotive		3,085	281	243	258	245	241	234	243	299	293	321	311	299	308
Gasoline service stations		296	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	29	26	29	28	30	27
Lumber and building materials		890	80	79	81	78	66	58	54	76	88	90	93	89	87
Hardware and farm implements		427	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34
Eating places		1,292	117	110	109	107	119	98	96	120	114	126	126	125	127
Drug stores		264	21	20	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	24	21	20	21
All other retail		2,161	185	177	182	190	245	176	156	184	185	195	186	177	186
Total sales by retail concerns		15,733	1,357	1,286	1,308	1,355	1,587	1,210	1,150	1,396	1,400	1,471	1,441	1,386	1,428
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,616	228	230	225	213	240	180	173	210	225	234	225	233	231
Total all sales at retail		18,349	1,585	1,516	1,533	1,568	1,827	1,390	1,323	1,606	1,624	1,705	1,667	1,619	1,659
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,836	42,710	41,655	43,342	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,097	43,363	45,072	47,564	45,627	46,796	48,310
Birmingham		5,033,534	441,256	424,899	419,124	424,828	490,585	387,053	371,083	447,302	448,916	472,040	453,693	437,897	460,589
Dothan		643,461	54,948	50,962	54,591	54,315	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,063	59,581	55,855	56,200	54,639
Florence		612,920	52,215	49,342	51,908	52,850	64,711	43,841	40,916	52,509	54,704	55,489	54,363	53,654	54,934
Gadsden		459,926	41,122	37,135	38,511	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,789	39,703	42,947	41,882	40,538	41,403
Huntsville		1,049,548	89,933	84,050	87,099	92,205	108,889	78,971	76,394	92,375	96,275	100,756	96,331	94,970	101,513
Mobile		2,098,896	184,252	168,770	172,235	174,701	203,267	157,974	149,314	179,303	183,425	192,010	194,249	189,264	180,934
Montgomery		1,429,901	122,078	117,413	116,468	124,805	146,163	108,046	105,876	125,711	124,039	130,959	131,745	127,527	125,543
Tuscaloosa		631,366	55,374	53,493	53,217	53,091	64,765	47,112	47,134	55,384	55,552	58,559	56,647	54,863	58,135
Counties															
Autauga		96,698	8,224	8,067	7,968	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,864	9,054	9,466	8,804	9,261	9,579
Baldwin		341,754	31,427	28,090	28,125	27,843	30,591	24,774	24,573	30,464	31,656	33,127	32,806	34,071	30,304
Barbour		71,583	6,669	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,358	6,186	6,482	5,890
Bibb		41,987	3,621	3,270	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,595	3,809	3,751	3,525	3,631
Blount		89,053	8,248	7,349	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,186	9,005	8,818	8,190	8,648
Bullock		25,653	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,011	2,086	2,084	1,989	1,892
Butler		65,569	5,679	5,723	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,091	4,607	5,469	5,241	5,627	5,171	5,143	4,900
Calhoun		507,836	42,710	41,655	43,342	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,097	43,363	45,072	47,564	45,627	46,796	48,310
Chambers		107,006	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,068	8,949	9,709	9,184	9,447	8,992
Cherokee		47,902	4,172	3,757	4,017	3,800	4,402	3,756	3,416	4,117	4,647	4,462	4,030	4,625	4,185
Chilton		99,865	8,510	8,076	8,748	8,822	10,205	7,553	7,862	9,409	9,374	9,832	9,132	8,845	9,298
Choctaw		36,637	3,197	2,846	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,112	2,758	3,168	3,085	3,150	3,227	3,037	3,549
Clarke		98,648	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,075	7,889	7,378	8,773	9,007	9,437	9,368	8,943	9,318
Clay		26,368	2,267	2,194	2,172	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,427	2,202	2,379
Cleburne		22,198	1,897	1,756	1,878	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,377	1,925	2,200	2,139	2,563	2,186	1,916
Coffee		185,655	15,276	14,579	14,415	14,961	17,770	13,736	13,685	16,267	16,331	16,420	15,606	16,454	16,079

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual 1983	Annual 1984	1984 Aug	1984 Sept	1984 Oct	1984 Nov	1984 Dec	1985 Jan	1985 Feb	1985 Mar	1985 Apr	1985 May	1985 June	1985 July	1985 Aug
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,014	21,620	20,099	20,961	20,481	23,862	17,398	17,175	21,205	21,956	21,826	21,428	21,276	21,691
Conecuh		37,533	2,873	4,321	2,822	2,971	3,633	2,748	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,759	3,090	3,007	3,170
Coosa		8,926	826	811	842	808	899	784	770	807	798	777	888	849	787
Covington		136,910	12,007	11,062	11,336	10,909	13,069	9,808	9,774	11,404	11,659	12,370	12,090	11,961	12,154
Crenshaw		30,737	2,348	2,779	2,666	3,077	3,159	2,540	2,573	2,987	3,006	2,910	3,264	3,171	2,884
Cullman		237,612	19,846	19,142	21,056	20,370	23,435	16,824	16,247	21,553	21,529	22,667	22,258	21,413	22,603
Dale		104,914	8,834	8,908	9,149	9,026	10,688	7,839	8,096	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,906	9,319	9,212
Dallas		199,174	16,464	16,196	17,141	17,232	19,642	15,424	14,214	17,056	17,798	18,100	17,710	17,355	18,536
DeKalb		180,384	15,493	14,943	16,254	15,879	17,567	12,341	11,474	15,327	15,930	16,929	17,170	15,420	16,802
Elmore		102,581	9,006	8,803	8,153	8,366	9,851	7,672	7,865	9,306	9,492	9,449	9,520	9,218	9,268
Escambia		141,714	11,932	11,279	12,263	11,884	14,710	10,667	10,415	11,979	12,679	13,114	12,906	11,649	11,126
Etowah		419,939	41,122	37,131	38,111	37,169	44,631	33,407	31,462	38,789	39,703	42,047	41,882	40,138	41,413
Fayette		64,418	5,280	5,733	6,116	5,061	6,390	4,372	4,575	5,231	5,214	5,425	5,872	5,764	5,581
Franklin		94,528	8,530	8,175	8,023	8,749	9,790	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,616	8,702	7,271	8,489
Geneva		144,828	11,908	11,847	11,669	12,646	13,673	11,378	11,274	12,041	12,234	12,676	12,030	12,330	12,226
Greene		16,155	1,651	1,384	1,509	1,309	1,481	1,212	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,449	1,454	1,304
Hale		31,290	2,760	2,607	2,622	2,510	2,713	2,497	2,190	2,692	2,727	3,026	2,757	2,775	2,743
Henry		36,727	2,989	3,280	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,330	2,861	3,001	3,222	3,051	3,201	3,109	3,398
Houston		538,147	46,114	45,054	45,612	45,289	53,085	40,215	39,659	45,310	48,211	49,190	45,889	46,661	45,427
Jackson		139,604	12,671	11,307	12,108	12,174	13,512	10,301	10,328	12,781	12,610	13,360	12,065	11,772	12,390
Jefferson		4,209,784	373,253	360,327	354,347	361,006	420,821	326,875	310,310	378,499	378,662	396,131	380,345	366,992	387,215
Lamar		37,962	3,078	2,965	2,909	3,154	3,282	2,803	2,453	3,255	3,211	3,296	3,662	3,211	3,246
Lauderdale		362,962	30,595	29,241	30,947	32,369	40,849	26,441	27,741	31,304	32,748	33,683	32,916	32,384	31,342
Lawrence		51,752	4,441	4,230	4,334	4,548	5,299	3,642	3,745	4,447	4,684	5,087	5,076	4,094	5,121
Lee		338,617	29,073	29,670	29,361	30,676	33,909	26,244	24,555	29,044	30,400	32,250	31,450	29,250	32,654
Limestone		151,476	13,864	13,434	13,103	13,960	15,610	12,216	12,240	14,781	15,108	15,641	13,486	14,271	15,886
Lowndes		16,952	1,366	1,371	1,437	1,411	1,779	1,426	1,571	1,745	1,611	1,604	1,957	1,790	1,815
Macon		45,122	4,291	4,001	3,666	3,644	3,987	3,690	2,942	3,447	3,634	3,696	3,606	3,642	3,854
Madison		1,069,549	89,933	84,850	87,099	92,205	108,889	78,971	76,394	92,375	96,275	100,758	96,131	94,970	101,513
Marengo		69,147	5,847	5,488	5,903	6,440	7,233	6,108	5,513	6,241	6,023	6,762	7,194	5,474	5,460
Marion		86,311	7,998	7,852	7,633	8,331	10,053	7,627	6,620	8,437	8,663	9,218	9,002	8,591	8,802
Marshall		319,420	29,687	28,249	29,412	29,320	33,451	25,119	24,993	31,299	32,914	34,675	33,317	32,924	33,769
Mobile		1,757,142	152,825	144,063	144,110	136,898	172,676	133,200	124,741	148,809	151,769	158,883	161,443	151,193	150,530
Monroe		102,729	9,954	9,190	8,969	11,484	10,934	8,099	8,006	8,450	7,895	8,199	8,451	8,267	10,020
Montgomery		1,231,122	104,848	100,547	100,347	106,190	127,055	92,952	90,116	107,541	105,433	112,044	113,421	109,048	104,836
Morgan		452,405	36,761	35,042	38,353	39,930	47,175	32,642	31,908	40,753	43,763	45,861	43,365	43,418	44,367
Perry		25,163	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,763	1,765	2,099	2,086	2,104	2,076	2,029	1,939
Pickens		41,346	3,063	3,018	3,506	3,300	3,777	2,796	2,870	3,507	3,672	3,809	3,868	3,196	3,652
Pike		90,744	7,696	7,630	8,027	7,769	9,027	7,797	6,627	7,741	7,678	8,736	8,599	8,090	8,171
Randolph		57,911	3,944	4,974	4,794	5,187	5,356	5,444	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,772	4,840	4,116	4,597
Russell		121,474	10,776	10,769	10,340	10,113	11,626	9,101	8,699	10,242	11,394	11,207	10,396	10,229	9,518
St. Clair		120,491	10,251	10,194	10,528	9,615	10,821	9,036	9,349	11,658	11,849	12,866	12,073	11,474	12,254
Shelby		253,359	20,310	20,985	21,059	20,898	21,848	21,142	16,075	23,018	23,064	24,036	23,458	23,666	23,126
Sumter		30,387	2,509	2,434	2,610	2,890	3,107	2,498	2,368	2,567	2,707	2,601	2,598	2,361	2,326
Talladega		240,179	19,146	18,682	19,191	20,116	23,681	18,174	17,340	20,425	21,411	24,640	22,184	22,810	20,568
Tallapoosa		127,480	10,388	9,859	10,114	10,767	11,807	9,525	8,760	10,598	11,163	12,388	12,092	10,962	11,846
Tuscaloosa		631,366	55,374	53,493	53,217	53,091	64,765	47,112	47,104	55,384	55,552	58,559	56,641	54,883	58,135
Walker		291,343	25,164	24,250	24,636	25,774	28,514	23,126	21,547	26,075	27,158	30,002	28,095	27,575	28,646
Washington		21,484	2,022	1,791	1,898	1,630	1,786	1,498	1,587	1,697	1,740	1,980	1,650	1,925	1,638
Wilcox		27,999	2,317	2,227	2,290	2,199	2,605	2,118	2,046	2,222	2,537	2,242	2,038	1,975	2,284
Winston		71,300	6,072	5,996	5,659	7,034	6,691	5,536	5,127	6,752	6,685	6,938	6,824	6,601	7,079
Statewide		973,077	82,147	83,159	80,149	86,117	107,027	79,781	85,054	83,510	91,430	83,450	90,893	85,256	86,945
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,995	1,209,332	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,124	109,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071	116,075	94,166	106,430	119,196
Residential	439,941	518,363	42,398	33,342	38,966	36,642	20,674	25,469	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647	42,696	40,234	39,676
Nonresidential	366,127	386,743	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	26,887	30,384	41,663	43,394	37,414	43,314	[illegible]
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	5,846	8,869	749	694	737	669	613	659	827	826	844	758	563	976	849
Residential	1,693	3,530	317	248	256	255	263	288	272	384	329	330	301	299	299
Nonresidential	932	1,213	92	90	95	93	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	217,843	104,141	14,214	10,005	3,797	12,386	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021	33,770	8,956	14,621	29,355
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,288	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605	4,665	2,706	2,412
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497	8,906	21,416	4,097	8,118	21,052
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895	1,621	2,059	1,965
Residential	7,340	11,596	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906	700	882	816
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	429	318	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484	8,242	2,347	1,196
Residential	7,760	6,718	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	641	666	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7,714	1,563	278
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2,719
Residential	2,006	2,129	74	46	53	128		56	103	462		126	303	12	97
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	143	813	2,331	894	188	43	141	474	144	50	290	58	1,183
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031	7,737	20,212	10,313
Residential	51,350	55,064	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377	2,233	3,555	2,415
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,608	2,755	15,064	11,107	5,444	3,647	14,893	6,506
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130	7,774	6,815	14,219
Residential	38,261	26,314	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927	1,619	1,212	1,175
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	1,153	3,865	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775	4,835	4,213	11,741

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984					1985							
	1983	1984	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76 984	94 862	8 070	7 254	8 188	11 037	6 049	6 554	6 027	8 624	9 126	8 163	7 901	9 350	9 208
Residential	32 619	35 697	3 361	2 991	3 262	5 463	2 557	2 140	3 036	3 836	4 096	4 356	4 008	3 663	3 419
Nonresidential	28 264	46 198	3 896	3 407	4 000	5 193	2 843	3 750	2 321	3 960	4 060	3 001	3 054	4 567	4 725
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12 978	18 267	1 799	2 246	1 917	800	12 947	691	532	1 416	2 138	1 707	2 024	1 309	2 099
Residential	6 391	7 172	721	533	430	381	326	351	177	704	606	328	579	592	249
Nonresidential	1 506	23 675	160	196	323	179	12 150	46	51	379	442	368	453	186	[illegible]
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4 197	7 002	184	819	500	309	152	36	109	184	75	237	69		
Residential	357	543	78		76	31		36	109	184	75	237	69		
Nonresidential	798	1 908		617	4	168	167								
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30 169	34 459	2 606	2 460	2 228	1 711	13 739	1 420	7 960	1 618	9 403	3 621	1 169	2 194	2 517
Residential	14 849	15 717	1 634	1 356	789	1 268	1 238	491	4 109	1 192	6 726	1 951	1 335	2 207	919
Nonresidential	6 227	10 207	380	532	1 141	564	2 024	105	2 933	241	878	2 594	412	121	81

NOTE: Throughout this table, data do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data were not [illegible] the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978 and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new [illegible]

These data were previously presented as the Wholesale Price Index. The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definitions of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. These sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as [illegible] of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by [illegible] permit-issuing places [illegible] Reported value [illegible] sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities area consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Black-Owned Businesses In Alabama Up By More than 2,000

The number of black-owned businesses in Alabama increased by more than 2,000, 37 percent, between 1977 and 1982, according to the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census. The first report from the 1982 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises shows a total of 7,321 black-owned businesses in Alabama, up from 5,283 in 1977. Gross receipts for black firms rose from 176 million in 1977 to 235 million in 1982. Service industries comprised 44 percent and retail trade businesses comprised 25 percent of black firms. Although service industries accounted for 44 percent of all black-owned ~~Alabama~~ businesses, those service businesses only accounted for 28 percent of gross receipts. Black-owned retail businesses accounted for 31 percent of gross receipts. Black-owned insurance and real estate companies made up a tiny fraction (3 percent) of all black-owned businesses in Alabama, yet accounted for 12 percent of gross receipts.

Sole proprietorships accounted for almost all the black firms; very few were partnerships or corporations. Only 16 percent, or 1,202 firms, had paid employees; 84 percent had no paid employees.

The Alabama counties with the most number of black-owned firms are as follows: Jefferson (1,581); Mobile (898); Montgomery (722); Madison (404); and Tuscaloosa (280). In each of these counties service industries make up the bulk of the black-owned businesses, with manufacturing and wholesale businesses making up the fewest.

Data in this Census Bureau report cover number of firms, gross receipts, number of paid employees, and annual payroll. These data are presented by geographic area (the nation, states, selected metropolitan areas, and counties), industry, size of firm, and legal form of organization of firm. Copies of the report are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

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A National Study of the Impact of State and Local Taxes on Regional Economic Growth

Carl E. Ferguson, Jr.

How do state and local taxes influence regional economic growth? The answer to this question is critically important if state and local governments are to devise an efficient and effective tax policy—one which adequately funds the obligations of state and local government while sustaining and encouraging economic and industrial growth. Working in cooperation with Sears and Roebuck Company, the Center for Business and Economic Research has just completed the first year of a two year contract to study the impact of state and local taxes on regional economic growth.

The pressure is on for meaningful tax reform. The continued growth of government spending and the resulting increases in tax burdens have led to heightened concern over the efficiency and cost effectiveness of government at all levels. In response, public officials and private organizations in many states have adopted or are contemplating more tax cuts.

Database Description: The Measures

The present study used two definitions of economic growth—the first treated employment as the principle indicator of economic growth while the second definition focused on real per capita personal income. Tax burden was also defined in two ways: average real per capita state and local taxes; and average state and local taxes per $100 of personal income. The following paragraphs provide a general overview of these and other data essential to the study.

Tax Series

The following tax series were compiled for each state and the District of Columbia for the period 1967 to 1983:

-state individual income tax
-state corporate income tax
-state and local property tax
-state sales tax
-state and local sales tax

In addition, the database contains a series detailing federal funds to each state government and the District of Columbia for the period 1967 to 1983.[1]

Economic and Demographic Series

The following demographic and economic series were compiled for each state, the District of Columbia and the United States as a whole for the period 1967 to 1983:

-total population
-per capita income
-total personal income
-total employment
-personal income by type
-personal income by one and two digit SIC code
-employment by one and two digit SIC code
-GNP deflator

The resulting database, containing approximately 100 series for each state, is currently maintained and distributed by CBER using a discrete time series structure. Thus, each series is uniquely identified by state and construct allowing both cross sectional and time series analysis. The database is currently available on IBM-PC compatible diskettes using Lotus 1-2-3 .PRN files.[2]

Results

Tax Burden and Economic Growth

There is a significant negative relationship between average tax burden and economic growth. The greater a state's average tax burden the less likely it is that the state will also exhibit vigorous economic growth.

When studied at the national level, three states with particularly high severance taxes must be excluded from the analysis. If these states are not excluded, their heavy reliance on the severance tax masks this negative relationship. Severance taxes, a method of "exporting" the tax burden, allow a state to impose a tax while not directly affecting its citizens.

Further, the analysis reveals that there is a significant negative relationship between the change in tax burden and economic growth. An increase in state and local taxes will directly inhibit regional economic growth.

Tax Elasticity of Growth

The initial analysis strongly suggested that there is a negative relationship between a changing tax burden and economic growth.[3] The remaining step is to estimate the sensitivity of economic growth to tax rate changes, known as the tax burden elasticity of economic growth.

Individual econometric equations for each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia reveal that an increase in state and local taxes will, in most states, result in a decrease in regional economic growth.

Conclusions

On the basis of the *multi-state* findings reported thus far, it can be concluded that for the period, 1967 to 1983, *state and local tax burden has significant negative impact on economic growth.* This negative relationship is evident between economic growth and average tax burden as well as between economic growth and changes in tax burden. *Further, a significant negative relationship has been identified and estimated between tax burden and economic growth for most of the individual states of the United States.* And, while the impact in some states is small, it is real and it can be measured.

Phase Two will evaluate the relationships between business tax burden as a whole and economic growth by SIC sector. For example, this analysis will include estimates of the impact of the tax burden on the manufacturing sector; the impact of severance taxes on economic growth in the mining sector; and the impact of sales and use taxes on economic growth in the retail and wholesale trade sector. These sector studies will be done for selected states to be identified by Sears in consultation with CBER/UofA.

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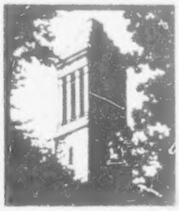
[1] These data were compiled from *State Government Finances, Government Finances* and *State Tax Collections* published annually by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

[2] Lotus 1-2-3 .PRN files are loaded into Lotus using an eight character series name and the File Import command.

[3] Economic growth, defined here alternatively as per capita personal income and employment, could be defined using other socio-economic constructs. To the extent that the reader is willing to accept income growth as a valid measure of the construct economic growth, the findings are as stated.



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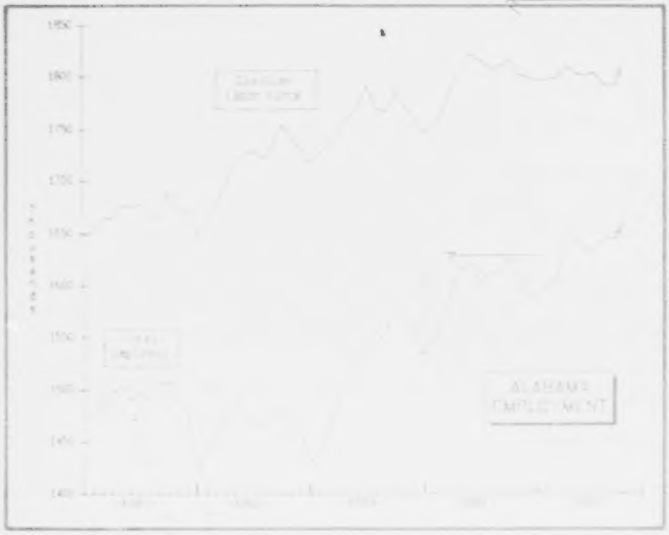

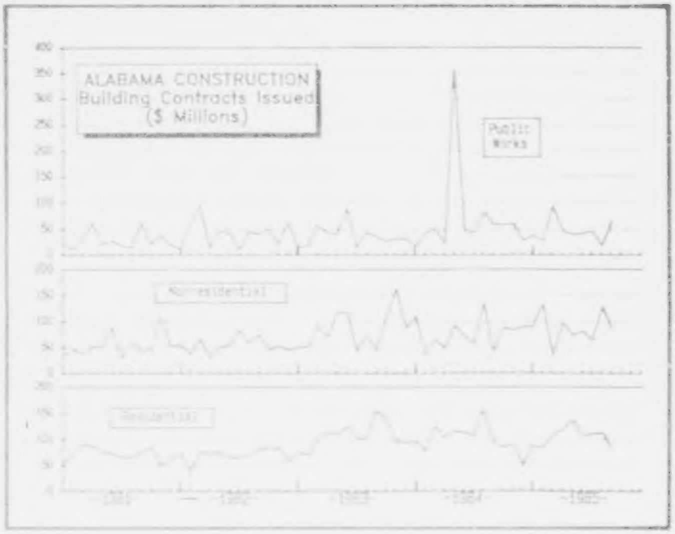

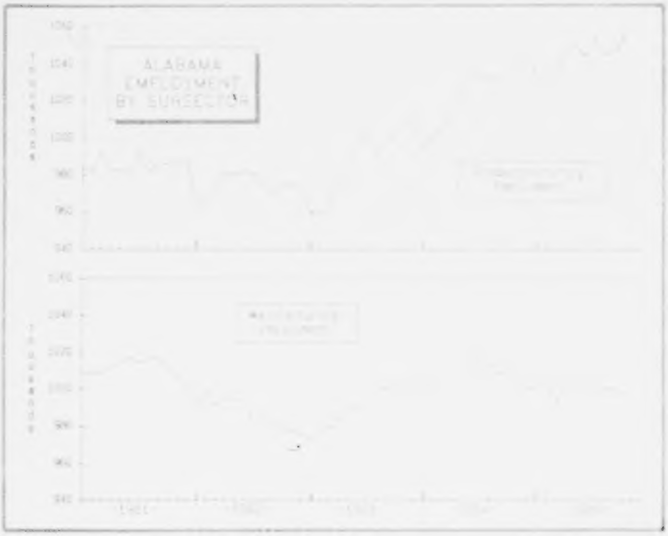

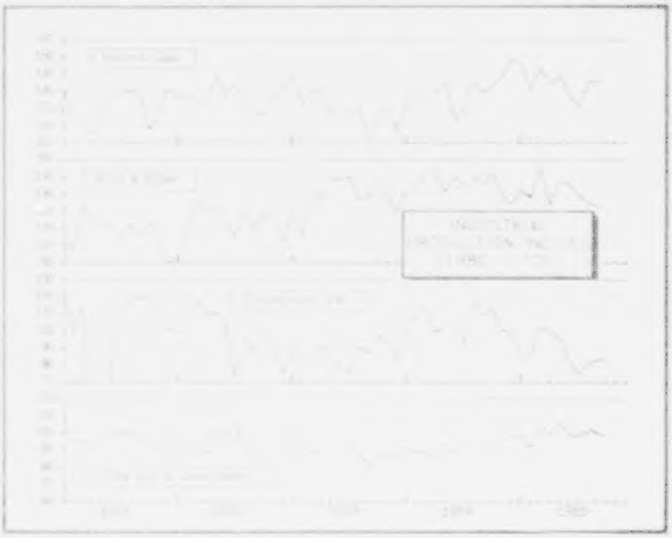

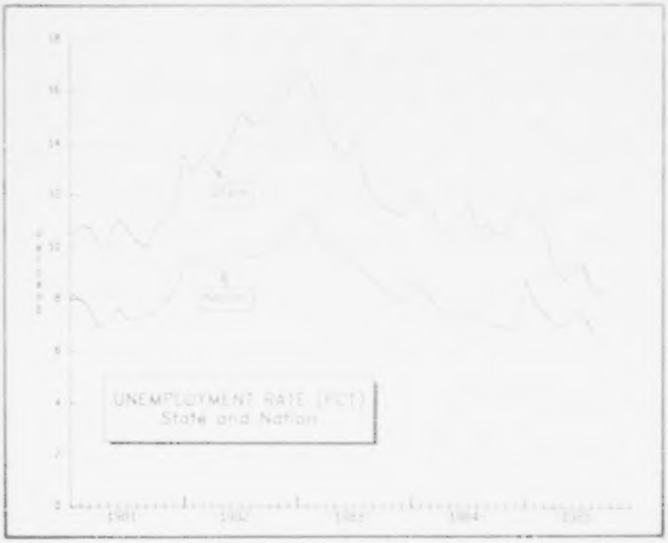

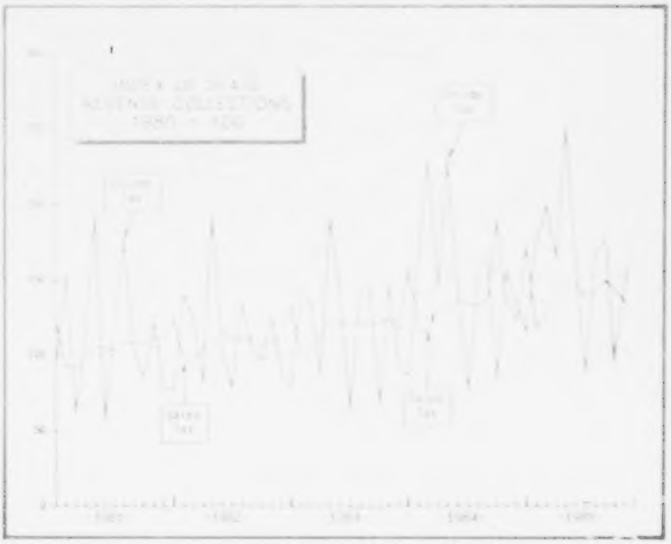

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (thousand short tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,298	2,189	2,100	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824
Natural gas production	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,845	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12,037	12,039
Cotton consumption	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	28,262	[illegible]	27,642	[illegible]	31,262	
Crude oil and condensate production	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,761	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,752	1,808	1,767
Electric energy consumption, industrial purchases	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,931	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,087	2,013
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	542	519	499	492
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	229,200	258,900	235,500
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	106,300	111,000	113,400	96,800
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	81,900	[illegible]	121,100	81,500
Other	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42,900	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	57,100
Cement shipments	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	122
FINANCE															

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	15,081	21,966	18,084	13,991	21,285	16,261	16,276	17,891	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	87,761	7,119	7,844	6,543	4,976	5,229	4,821	6,104	6,961	7,951	6,766	18,232	10,137	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428,181	435,832	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,633	32,416	23,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	26,338	
Payments ($1,000)	191,968	172,593	12,258	13,716	14,252	16,158	21,274	16,570	15,611	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,294	
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870
	14.2	9.6	9.3	9.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.0	8.7	8.2	7.7	8.5
Baldwin	34,220	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,090
	12.7	10.9	14.8	9.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	[illegible]	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3
Barbour	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12,200	[illegible]	[illegible]	12,450	12,190	12,260	[illegible]	12,210	12,140	12,320
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.0	[illegible]	10.8	9.2	9.4
Bibb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,290	6,300	6,230	6,310	6,080
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17.3	15.5	14.4
Blount	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.4	[illegible]	7.4	8.7	8.7	[illegible]
Bullock	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,630	4,670	4,570	4,670
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	15.9	14.0	11.7
Butler	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,610	9,580	9,590
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.7	[illegible]	9.7
Calhoun	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	47,910	48,230	[illegible]	48,220	47,730
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.0	8.7	7.8
Chambers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16,180	16,420
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Cherokee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,000	[illegible]	11,040
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.6	11.2	[illegible]	9.9	9.4	9.2
Chilton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,810	11,670
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.5	8.1
Choctaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,640
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.4
Clarke	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,840	9,890
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.1	9.2	8.3
Clay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,490	7,470
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.1	8.3
Cleburne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.7	7.2
Coffee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19,660	19,930	[illegible]	19,680
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.3
Colbert	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,290	21,240
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.5	12.1
Conecuh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,300	7,180
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.8	[illegible]
Coosa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,000	6,140
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.4	7.8
Covington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	15,980	15,800	15,740
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.6	8.2	7.7
Crenshaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,160	7,080
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.1	5.8
Cullman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29,580	28,730
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.8	8.2
Dale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22,100	22,090
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.7	6.7
Dallas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22,940	22,870
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.1	14.2
DeKalb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	30,870
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.2	[illegible]	7.7
Elmore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,180	20,940
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.2	8.2	6.1
Escambia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,920
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.5	8.7	9.3
Etowah	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fayette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10,220
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.2
Franklin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14,110
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.4
Geneva	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,610
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.7
Greene	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,840
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.7
Hale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,300
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.2
Henry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,490
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.9
Houston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.6
Jackson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18,080	18,120
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Jefferson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	312,540
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Lamar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Lauderdale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	34,400
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Lawrence	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13,040
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Lee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	36,280
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Limestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowndes	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Macon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Madison	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	121,450
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.4
Marengo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Marion	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Marshall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32,850
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.0
Mobile	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	184,080	182,400
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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual 1983	Annual 1984	1984 Sept	1984 Oct	1984 Nov	1984 Dec	1985 Jan	1985 Feb	1985 Mar	1985 Apr	1985 May	1985 June	1985 July	1985 Aug	1985 Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,870	11,140	12,120	11,090	11,110	11,940	10,790	10,790	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700
	15.1	16.2	20.1	13.0	14.4	31.2	23.6	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8
Montgomery	96,990	96,610	97,000	96,200	97,190	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,090	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330
	10.4	9.8	8.2	7.4	8.3	9.8	8.1	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2
Morgan	37,610	38,870	38,170	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,580	38,150	38,390	38,890	38,860	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960
	12.1	11.5	11.3	10.9	10.8	10.8	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2
Perry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,900	5,780	5,930	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920
	18.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18.4	21.2	16.6	11.8	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1
Pickens	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,000	[illegible]	6,960	7,010	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110
	[illegible]	16.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.7	16.8	17.2	19.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4
Pike	13,840	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13,800	15,060	13,770	13,820	14,390	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.7	8.9	10.1	8.7	9.2	8.5	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5
Randolph	8,380	8,790	8,720	8,810	8,790	8,590	8,660	8,600	8,670	8,530	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490
	[illegible]	14.9	[illegible]	14.1	12.0	16.7	11.9	10.1	10.7	10.2	9.4	8.9	15.3	9.0	8.2
Russell	[illegible]	19,090	19,040	19,190	[illegible]	19,490	18,960	19,160	19,230	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970
	[illegible]	12.9	[illegible]	11.1	[illegible]	12.9	18.1	12.4	12.1	11.6	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7
St. Clair	19,640	19,640	19,750	19,480	19,870	19,910	20,150	20,010	19,750	19,460	19,290	19,130	19,120	19,940	19,050
	14.2	11.1	12.4	10.8	10.9	10.4	14.3	10.8	10.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.1	8.1	7.0
Shelby	[illegible]	[illegible]	31,790	31,990	31,940	31,930	31,840	31,820	32,100	32,280	32,510	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570
	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.6	8.1	10.2	9.2	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.4	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.3	6.4
Sumter	6,930	7,050	[illegible]	7,010	7,190	7,220	7,060	6,990	7,120	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,200	6,940	6,950
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.1	14.4	13.3	15.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2
Talladega	[illegible]	[illegible]	32,130	30,070	31,580	31,540	31,290	31,500	31,270	30,400	30,840	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070
	[illegible]	[illegible]	20.8	16.3	18.8	16.9	16.7	15.8	16.0	12.8	13.2	14.0	15.1	13.8	11.9
Tallapoosa	16,920	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,090	[illegible]	17,010	17,150	17,040	17,090	17,150	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200
	[illegible]	8.4	8.1	9.2	9.8	9.8	11.6	10.6	11.4	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0
Tuscaloosa	[illegible]	[illegible]	58,430	58,940	[illegible]	59,070	57,840	58,460	58,440	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,030	59,410
	12.4	8.8	8.7	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.1	8.2	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.4	6.6	5.9
Walker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32,040	[illegible]	33,870	33,840	33,880	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,630	31,320	31,750
	16.3	14.4	[illegible]	13.3	14.9	16.3	15.6	14.5	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.1	7.8	8.3
Washington	6,110	6,160	6,140	6,410	6,400	6,290	6,280	6,190	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,150	6,110
	20.1	16.1	20.1	14.9	14.9	18.4	17.6	14.9	17.2	13.7	13.3	13.1	11.2	14.2	12.9
Wilcox	5,250	5,460	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,540	5,200	5,310	5,310	5,290	5,310	5,190	5,230	5,080	5,230
	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.1	13.9	13.1	11.1	12.4	12.0	14.1	13.3	12.1	14.9	15.8	12.8	12.5
Winston	[illegible]	9,010	8,940	8,860	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,820	9,040	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,940	8,780	9,040
	[illegible]	19.8	[illegible]	13.1	17.1	15.8	20.4	21.1	16.1	16.7	16.1	17.2	17.8	15.2	22.5
TRADE															
Foreign trade through Alabama ports															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	74,933	71,616	55,177		
Shipping weight (1,000 short tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,480	[illegible]	1,492	1,279		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	52,159	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	53,240	19,148	17,216		
Shipping weight (1,000 short tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,174	1,240	1,002		
Shipments by water through Mobile (1,000 tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,476	3,204	2,895	3,072
OTHER															
Electric energy consumption for industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,308	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,243	2,427	2,504	2,515
Gasoline taxed (1,000 gallons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	166,128	153,825	166,021		
New passenger car registrations (number)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,148	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,940	[illegible]	15,495	[illegible]	17,448
Taxable retail sales ($1,000,000) by business classification															
Food		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	313	325	316	320	301
General stores with food and gas		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17	27	17	14
General merchandise		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	205	194	210	191
Apparel		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	34	43	51	47
Furniture, furnishings and equipment		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	48	47	51	46
Automotive		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	322	371	364	355	312
Gasoline service stations		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	27	28	25
Lumber and building materials		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	93	90	90	90
Hardware and farm and garden supplies		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	37	37	34	39
Eating places		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	126	126	126	135	116
Drug stores		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	20	21	39
All other retail		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	190	188	118	101	78
Total sales by retail classification		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,444	1,400	1,464	1,378
Nonretail and unclassified accounts		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	226	228	[illegible]	266	257
Total all sales at retail		[illegible]	[illegible]	1,570	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,672	1,632	1,730	1,635
Taxable retail sales, Alabama cities and counties ($1,000)															
Cities															
Anniston		[illegible]	[illegible]	43,427	41,895	[illegible]	37,474	36,099	41,983	[illegible]	46,089	41,582	40,230	48,602	45,443
Birmingham		[illegible]	[illegible]	433,830	433,742	[illegible]	396,087	370,472	446,798	458,250	470,320	454,449	440,106	467,794	444,392
Decatur		[illegible]	[illegible]	53,837	54,110	[illegible]	44,254	47,700	51,398	56,907	59,282	54,972	56,698	57,364	50,981
Florence		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	52,950	[illegible]	41,642	42,637	53,839	54,150	55,023	54,464	54,348	50,796	52,159
Gadsden		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	33,402	31,462	38,750	39,110	42,847	41,905	40,847	42,081	38,021
Huntsville		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	78,875	78,403	92,073	96,395	103,781	98,417	99,754	103,396	96,127
Mobile		[illegible]	[illegible]	172,480	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	144,097	161,160	161,841	182,351	166,858	167,143	168,498	178,031
Montgomery		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	117,879	105,892	127,144	124,718	133,719	121,869	129,098	128,046	124,319
Tuscaloosa		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	53,880	52,868	58,946	58,988	53,463	58,920	55,408
Counties															
Autauga		[illegible]	8,981	[illegible]	8,344	[illegible]	7,412	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,488	8,627	8,282	8,819	8,212
Baldwin		[illegible]	28,981	[illegible]	27,827	[illegible]	24,767	24,591	30,643	[illegible]	33,772	32,924	34,292	31,111	27,214
Barbour		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,362	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10,251	10,404	9,367	8,706	8,342	8,290	8,044
Bibb		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,061	[illegible]	3,888	3,597	3,909	3,721	3,637	3,920	3,853
Blount		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,413	[illegible]	8,033	8,180	8,162	8,186	8,897	8,904	8,202	8,875	8,671
Bullock		25,858	2,125	[illegible]	2,114	1,847	2,062	1,960	2,111	2,108	2,088	2,061	2,036	1,915	1,972
Butler		64,599	[illegible]	5,140	[illegible]	[illegible]	5,081	4,921	5,454	5,241	5,627	5,113	5,143	4,951	4,530
Calhoun		511,891	41,819	43,027	40,609	[illegible]	37,419	36,566	41,343	41,378	47,559	45,062	45,323	48,602	45,441
Chambers		100,089	8,411	8,782	8,087	8,485	8,245	7,840	9,071	8,952	9,170	8,796	8,407	9,140	5,859
Cherokee		47,802	4,150	4,211	3,947	4,450	3,796	3,459	4,501	4,501	4,452	4,253	4,806	4,226	4,413
Chilton		89,074	8,176	8,731	8,622	11,004	7,503	7,862	9,404	9,374	9,832	9,134	8,896	9,388	8,850
Choctaw		38,947	2,945	2,916	3,086	3,089	3,112	2,798	3,166	3,125	3,166	3,232	3,149	3,521	2,882
Clarke		98,648	8,257	8,904	8,738	10,070	7,885	7,524	8,713	9,211	9,468	9,378	9,853	9,196	9,348
Clay		26,368	2,194	2,172	2,271	2,509	2,000	2,008	2,140	2,250	2,512	2,436	2,205	2,385	2,171
Cleburne		22,300	1,786	1,862	1,751	1,941	1,546	1,577	1,925	2,300	2,188	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,193
Coffee		185,656	14,176	14,419	13,961	17,792	13,736	13,665	16,207	16,103	16,421	15,836	16,512	16,585	15,540

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual 1983	Annual 1984	1984 Sept	1984 Oct	1984 Nov	1984 Dec	1985 Jan	1985 Feb	1985 Mar	1985 Apr	1985 May	1985 June	1985 July	1985 Aug	1985 Sept
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, M $ and counties—continued															
[illegible]—continued															
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,275	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,865	20,670
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,199	2,842
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	885	749
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,828	[illegible]	12,381	12,080	[illegible]	12,427	11,121
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,597
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22,965	20,683
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,947
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	56,535
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,214	17,790
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,942
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,429	11,638
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42,097	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,770
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,958
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,826
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,541

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984				1985								
	1983	1984	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	78,984	94,962	[illegible]	8,186	11,007	4,046	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,424	[illegible]	8,163	7,905	9,350	9,208	7,393
Residential	32,614	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,140	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,350	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,845	[illegible]	2,321	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,567	4,725	3,182
Quad Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,590
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]									
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,985
Residential	14,846	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,257	919	3,613
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	464	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	312	324	367	502

[illegible] which are subject to sales tax. [illegible] Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available on the new basis. The "Statewide" category in the County [illegible] sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

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Alabama Business at a Glance

The charts that have appeared on page 2 of this periodical for the past three months were developed by Ed Rigdon, a doctoral student at The University of Alabama. The charts are now scheduled to appear once every quarter instead of every month. We hope our readers benefit from seeing these charts, and we are open to suggestions about improvements and changes. Please send your comments to: Editor, *Alabama Business*, P.O. Box AK, University, Alabama 35486.

Housing Quality

American households have been upgrading their home heating systems, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The report also reveals that the most common structural defects of American homes are basements with water leakage, leaky roofs, and open cracks or holes in interior walls. The report is *The Annual Housing Survey: 1983, Part B: Indicators of Housing and Neighborhood Quality by Financial Characteristics for the United States and Regions*. It is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., or in the government documents division of many libraries.

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Electrical and Nonelectrical Machinery: Growth Industries in Alabama

Nonelectrical Machinery

Nonelectrical machinery includes establishments engaged in manufacturing machinery and equipment, other than electrical equipment and transportation equipment. Machines powered by built-in or detachable motors, such as portable tools, are included in this group. There are more than 600 firms in Alabama engaged in making products for this industry.

Recent trends. Nonelectrical machinery accounted for 1.2 percent of Alabama real Gross State Product in 1983. However, unlike other durable goods industries, nonelectrical machinery has been leen sensitive to cyclical economic conditions. During the ten years 1974 to 1983, nonelectrical machinery output experienced only two recessionary years in which real output actually declined. *Every durable goods industry except machinery suffered four to five years of output decline as a result of the recessions.*

Employment has risen from 13,900 in 1974 to 15,100 in 1983. The cyclical downturns of 1975 and 1980-1982 slowed the growth of nonelectrical machinery employment, dropping from a high of 16,100 in 1979. The majority of the loss came in 1982, however, 1983 saw a strong recovery with a gain of over 1,000 workers.

Wage rates in nonelectrical machinery reflect the solid showing of this industry with annual increases averaging 10.9 percent for the ten years 1974-83. The average annual wage for 1983 was $18,600. This wage is only slightly below the $19,100 average for all durable goods industries. More importantly, these wage increases are in a growing rather than a declining industry — suggesting they are far more in keeping with increases in labor productivity than has been seen in primary metals, for example.

Outlook. *Annual growth is expected to average over 8 percent, second only to electrical machinery.* As a consequence, nonelectrical machinery's 1984 share of real Gross State Product, 1.3 percent, will rise to 1.4 percent by 1990.

Employment is projected to increase almost 3 percent per year, rising from 15,900 in 1984 to 18,300 in 1990. The average annual wage is projected to rise at 8.2 percent per year through 1990, climbing from $19,900 in 1984 to $29,700 per year in 1990.

Electrical Machinery

Grouped here are Alabama businesses making telephone and telegraph apparatus; communications equipment, radar and sonar; and electronic components. While these firms are closely related to nonelectrical machinery, they are more likely to have a "high-tech flavor." Of the nearly 200 businesses in Alabama engaged in manufacturing electrical and electronic machinery, most are located in Huntsville, Dothan, and Birmingham.

Recent trends. Electrical machinery is the star performer in Alabama manufacturing. *While over the period 1974 to 1983 total manufacturing output in Alabama rose 13.0 percent and durable manufacturing output increased by only 1.3 percent, real electrical machinery output climbed 198.0 percent from $123 million in 1974 to $367 million in 1983.* As a result, electrical machinery's share of real Gross State Product rose from 0.8 percent in 1974 to 1.9 percent in 1983, second only to primary metals among durable goods industries. Most remarkably, electrical machinery experienced no decline in real output over the two recent recessionary periods.

Employment in electrical machinery has done more to sustain manufacturing employment in Alabama than any other component industry. *The industry employed 11,200 workers in 1974, and employment increased an average of 9.2 percent a year to 21,500 in 1983, adding 10,300 new jobs.* The average annual wage of $8,900 in 1974 rose an average of 10.8 percent a year to $17,400 in 1983.

Outlook. Electrical machinery output is expected to grow over 17.3 percent a year for the period 1984-1990. *Should this growth rate be sustained, electrical machinery's share of real Gross State Product will rise 3.3 percent by 1990 to surpass primary metals as the lead industry in Alabama.* At the current rate of growth, electrical machinery production will outpace primary metals by 1986. Unlike other manufacturing industries, no cyclic decline is expected in electrical machinery over the forecast horizon. Other industries are expected to show two cyclical declines, one in 1986 followed by a second in 1990. This five-year business cycle has been a characteristic of the U.S. economy for several decades.

Electrical machinery employment is projected to increase from 22,800 workers in 1984 to 35,000 workers in 1990, an average increase of 8.9 percent per year. At this rate, electrical machinery will employ more workers by 1989 than any other durable manufacturing sector. Wages are expected to continue on their recent growth track, rising from an average annual wage of $18,600 in 1984 to $27,900 in 1990 for an average increase of 8.3 percent per year.

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An Alabama Industrial Profile: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

National news accounts regularly report on the growth rate of U.S. Gross National Product (GNP). Gross National Product, the total dollar value of all good and services produced in the U.S. for a given year, is generally regarded as the single best indicator of the health of the economy. In addition, such stories often comment on the current rate of inflation. This might be done by reporting the current rate of inflation on a monthly or annual basis. In either case the intention is the same, to advise the audience on the real (inflation adjusted) rate of growth in our economy.

The Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) of The University of Alabama built and maintains a comprehensive econometric model of the State of Alabama. Using this mathematical representation of our economy and the many economic indicators which combine to form the model, the Center estimates Alabama Gross State Product (GSP), the regional equivalent of Gross National Product. The estimates of GSP, along with other measures of regional economic activity, provide insight into Alabama's economic past and future.

Working in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, CBER produces regular reports on economic conditions in Alabama. **Alabama Business** is one such report. Another, the **Alabama Economic Outlook,** is produced annually and includes both historical estimates as well as forecasts of Alabama GSP by industry along with many other indicators of economic performance in Alabama.

GSP growth rates are by themselves interesting in that they reveal the past or anticipated performance of a given industry. However, when viewed in the context of the regional economy, GSP estimates take on a more interesting new meaning. The following paragraphs and tables illustrate how estimates of GSP can be used to profile industrial activity in Alabama: past, present, and future.

The following tables, taken directly from the **Alabama Economic Outlook 1985,** report on Gross State Product by Industry in Alabama. What makes them unique is that the industry level GSP estimates have been divided by total State GSP, producing a share of the total for each year. Such a measure can then be interpreted as an estimate of the relative importance of a given industry to the State's economy in a given year.

An Alabama Historic Profile: The Decade of the 70s

In 1971 manufacturing accounted for 27.5 percent of total GSP. And, within manufacturing, primary metals at 5.7 percent had the largest share of any manufacturing industry. Within nondurable manufacturing, textiles and apparel combined to contribute a little over 4.5 percent. Trade, the total of wholesale and retail, accounted for 15.7 percent, underscoring the importance of consumer spending in a modern industrial society. Services, a component industry including all services less finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE), comprised a little more than 10 percent. When combined with FIRE, these three industrial sectors (Trade, Services, and FIRE) account for over 35 percent of Alabama Gross State Product, more than any other major group.

By 1980, the dominance of primary metals to Alabama manufacturing had fallen to 3.7 percent; output in the textiles and apparel industries had risen to over 5 percent while trade held its share of almost 16 percent. The accompanying tables also reveal the growth industries of the decade. Electrical and nonelectrical machinery—accounting for about 1.5 percent in 1971—had risen to over 2.5 by 1980. As was discussed in the December issue of **Alabama Business,** electrical and nonelectrical machinery are the component industries often referred to as the high-tech industries. Chemicals' share of GSP also rose. And, within the transportation, communications, and public utilities sector, communications and public utilities saw share increases from 2.5 to 4.2 and 2.8 to 3.3 respectively. As we see in the tables, these trends are expected to continue.

An Economy in Transition: Alabama in the 80s

The arrival of the 1980s was marred by a unique dip recession. Alabama Real Gross State Product actually declined in 1980 and 1982, falling -1.5 and -3.3 percent respectively. These declines compare to U.S. GNP declines of -0.3 and -1.9 for the same period. Alabama did indeed suffer worse than the U.S. as a whole.

The trends of the 1970s, however, are continuing. While manufacturing continued to hold about a 27 percent share of GSP, by 1985 primary metals share had fallen 1.3 points from 3.6 percent in 1980 to 2.3 percent in 1985. However, electrical and nonelectrical machinery continued to increase in importance, rising to dominate all of manufacturing with a combined total share of Gross State Product of 3.5 percent.

The current forecast for the balance of the decade reflects these fundamental trends. Primary metals is projected to decline to a 2.2 percent share of GSP with electrical machinery rising to 3.3 percent, the highest of any manufacturing industry. Communications and public utilities are expected to increase their respective shares slightly with trade and services holding their traditional shares of 15 and 10 percent.

Conclusion

The Industry Share of Total tables contained in the **Alabama Economic Outlook 1985** are but one of many presentations on the performance measures of the Alabama economy. For more information on the Alabama Econometric Model, the **Alabama Economic Outlook,** or other publications and services of the Center for Business and Economic Research please call or write:

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	33,511
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,049	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	571	520	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,800	229,200	241,100	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,700	85,800	97,700	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800
Nonresidential	1,025,800	920,000	86,300	83,700	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,200	57,000	59,800	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	105	100	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[1] ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465
Franchise	52,214	64,476	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144
Income	815,838	1,009,832	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995
Oil-gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425
Oil-gas production	17,290	17,331	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479
Sales	609,132	704,299	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,638	66		13,643		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922
TVA electric	31,290	36,734		3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346	
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098
Use	66,519	75,723	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143
Utility	152,287	151,261	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[2] (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5
Percent Change	3.3	4.3	.3		.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food	291.7	302.9	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	303.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8
Housing	323.1	336.5	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1
Transportation	298.4	311.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9
Medical care	357.3	379.5	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5
Energy	419.3	423.6	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1
Producer Price Index, U.S.[2] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.4	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	
Wholesale prices	330	322	323	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324			
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	154.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.8
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4
Food	27.0	28.0	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.8
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6
Trade	273.3	290.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3
Government	292.7	293.8	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200
	14.2	9.6	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390
	12.1	10.9	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480
	13.1	10.5	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120
	19.5	16.6	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480
	15.0	11.0	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750
	17.2	14.5	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6
Butler	9,790	9,800	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780
	17.4	13.8	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070
	13.1	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250
	9.8	9.3	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150
	15.2	14.0	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950
	13.1	11.3	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890
	15.1	16.3	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130	10,320	10,360	9,940	9,890	10,120
	16.2	14.3	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580
	14.0	10.9	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320
	12.5	10.2	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180	19,880	19,930	19,890	19,680	20,270
	10.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140
	18.7	16.4	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320
	12.7	11.8	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850	5,840	5,900	6,000	6,140	6,280
	10.3	8.0	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.2
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,980	15,800	15,740	15,990
	12.2	9.9	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.8
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550	7,160	7,090	7,160	7,380	7,600
	12.1	11.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.1	5.8	6.2
Cullman	28,590	29,550	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970	29,780	29,260	29,580	29,710	30,210
	14.7	11.5	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.2	8.0
Dale	22,200	22,740	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310	23,220	23,220	23,100	22,990	23,320
	9.5	7.7	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130	23,130	23,570	22,940	22,870	23,220
	17.6	15.7	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.6	13.5	14.2	15.2
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740	30,900	31,210	31,560	30,870	31,060
	13.8	10.8	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.6
Elmore	20,620	20,770	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670	21,530	21,290	21,180	20,940	21,280
	12.2	7.7	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980	17,970	17,940	17,750	17,920	17,740
	12.5	12.1	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7	9.3	8.0
Etowah	42,290	42,610	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600	41,880	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,560
	17.4	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.7	9.4
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480
	11.7	9.5	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,310	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100
	18.2	18.6	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4
Geneva	11,360	11,740	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150
	10.4	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.5
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680
	16.6	17.1	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460
	16.5	17.1	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,490	7,800
	11.2	9.4	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.9	9.1
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200	37,400	37,250	37,310	37,080	37,550
	11.3	9.0	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,080	19,060	19,120	19,230
	22.1	16.8	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820
	13.1	9.8	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810
	9.7	7.3	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3	7.5	7.1
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400
	16.6	14.8	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290
	18.8	15.1	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7
Lee	35,870	38,470	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730
	8.4	6.5	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9
Limestone	19,310	20,230	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,180	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570
	14.1	10.8	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070
	17.9	18.3	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480
	13.6	11.1	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140
	8.5	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410
	15.5	14.2	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220
	19.4	14.9	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140
	14.4	12.6	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5
Mobile	162,590	164,730	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690
	15.9	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (*civilian labor force and unemployment rate*)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760
	12.6	16.2	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840
	10.5	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650
	14.5	11.5	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000
	14.8	13.3	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250
	18.0	15.9	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1
Pike	13,680	13,560	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790
	13.7	10.1	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930
	17.9	14.9	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210
	13.7	12.9	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260
	14.2	11.5	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710
	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060
	14.3	11.5	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3
Talladega	31,560	31,150	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160
	17.2	15.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200
	12.1	9.4	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220
	12.4	9.6	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110
	16.3	13.3	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160
	20.0	18.1	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330
	20.2	15.3	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970
	18.7	19.6	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
imports															
Value (*$1,000*)	643,182	726,362	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	6,288	9,484	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	
Exports															
Value (*$1,000*)	788,611	622,949	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	9,496	21,911	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile* (*1,000 tons*)	34,916	38,790	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	23,017	24,285	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,243	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914
Gasoline sales* (*1,000 gallons*)	1,861,406	1,905,267	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206		
New passenger car registrations** (*number*)	122,393	141,896	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals** (*$1,000,000*)															
Food		3,652	305	306	328	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	321	301	254
General stores with food and gas		175	15	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	15	13
General merchandise		2,382	185	238	356	161	150	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	196
Apparel		568	46	52	77	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	42
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	41
Automotive		3,088	259	245	243	234	243	299	294	322	312	304	317	314	255
Gasoline service stations		296	26	23	25	24	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	22
Lumber and building materials		890	81	76	66	58	54	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	82
Hardware and farm implements		427	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	35
Eating places		1,293	109	107	119	99	96	120	114	126	126	126	134	118	107
Drug stores		264	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	20
All other retail		2,162	182	190	245	176	157	183	184	195	186	180	191	182	165
Total sales by retail concerns		15,740	1,311	1,357	1,589	1,211	1,152	1,395	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,403	1,469	1,394	1,232
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,614	225	214	238	180	173	210	225	232	226	234	236	233	210
Total all sales at retail		18,354	1,536	1,571	1,826	1,391	1,325	1,606	1,625	1,706	1,668	1,637	1,705	1,627	1,442
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties** (*$1,000*)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Birmingham		5,033,813	420,066	424,831	489,919	387,391	372,395	446,787	448,683	473,300	451,660	441,965	467,504	449,052	416,588
Dothan		643,669	54,631	54,483	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,083	56,735	57,462	55,210	50,214
Florence		612,946	51,909	52,867	64,719	43,868	40,926	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,493	54,379	55,749	53,459	46,898
Gadsden		459,928	38,513	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,979	40,950	42,213	38,837	35,424
Huntsville		1,049,550	87,100	92,206	108,889	78,976	76,405	92,378	96,413	101,008	96,614	98,532	103,881	97,198	85,978
Mobile		2,100,234	172,902	175,335	205,304	158,042	149,374	179,119	183,663	190,942	195,112	191,006	189,329	179,292	140,330
Montgomery		1,429,916	116,481	124,805	146,165	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,184	131,204	131,563	128,591	128,724	125,441	114,627
Tuscaloosa		631,377	53,217	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,393	55,576	58,629	56,915	56,475	59,218	57,063	51,766
Counties															
Autauga		96,703	7,973	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,466	8,821	9,283	9,773	8,358	8,404
Baldwin		343,047	28,774	28,472	30,606	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,932	34,476	31,937	27,767	20,920
Barbour		71,583	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,568	6,397	6,150	5,337
Bibb		41,388	3,500	3,782	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,585
Blount		89,053	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,968	9,003	8,034
Bullock		26,077	2,057	2,337	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,011	2,003	2,015	1,742
Butler		65,569	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,241	5,627	5,178	5,152	5,045	4,834	4,722
Calhoun		507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Chambers		107,006	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,467	9,223	8,940	7,830
Cherokee		47,907	4,017	3,800	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,441	4,115
Chilton		99,874	8,757	8,822	10,205	7,553	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,134	8,899	9,525	9,006	8,468
Choctaw		36,637	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,201	3,232	3,158	3,532	2,963	2,749
Clarke		98,648	8,669	8,799	10,075	7,889	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,435	8,961	9,211	8,920	6,698
Clay		26,368	2,172	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,396	2,211	1,957
Cleburne		22,200	1,880	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,683
Coffee		186,107	14,416	15,412	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,267	16,331	16,421	15,642	16,561	16,660	16,569	13,927

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249.984	20.952	20.498	23.870	17.424	17.180	21.211	21.965	21.924	21.518	21.687	22.001	20.839	17.428
Conecuh		37.533	2.822	2.973	3.633	2.746	2.682	3.251	2.992	3.239	3.118	3.052	3.236	2.854	2.493
Coosa		8.932	842	834	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	873	852	757	806
Covington		137.576	11.650	11.221	13.089	9.836	9.774	11.406	11.659	12.391	12.095	11.930	12.445	11.489	9.228
Crenshaw		30.987	2.792	3.201	3.159	2.540	2.513	2.983	3.015	2.910	3.267	3.176	2.914	3.121	2.615
Cullman		237.638	21.068	20.374	23.445	16.838	16.261	21.565	21.542	22.681	22.282	21.488	23.098	20.966	18.872
Dale		104.914	8.759	9.026	10.688	7.839	8.096	9.746	9.852	9.991	9.970	9.609	9.802	9.195	8.455
Dallas		199.199	17.166	17.232	19.682	15.424	14.214	17.057	17.820	18.137	17.792	17.551	18.845	17.130	15.348
DeKalb		180.387	15.257	15.829	17.567	12.341	11.474	15.327	15.933	16.935	17.224	15.754	17.345	15.974	18.378
Elmore		102.081	8.153	8.366	9.851	7.672	7.865	9.306	9.492	9.469	9.573	9.319	9.577	9.074	7.812
Escambia		141.761	12.266	11.884	14.710	10.567	10.415	11.979	12.681	13.122	12.931	11.738	11.896	11.135	9.846
Etowah		459.928	38.513	37.169	44.631	33.403	31.462	38.792	39.738	42.982	41.979	40.950	42.213	38.837	35.424
Fayette		64.918	5.116	5.081	6.390	4.372	4.575	5.231	5.214	5.427	5.876	5.769	5.669	5.631	4.335
Franklin		99.528	8.023	8.785	9.790	7.815	7.156	13.250	8.470	8.618	8.706	7.884	8.720	8.032	7.513
Geneva		144.828	11.669	12.646	13.673	11.379	11.286	12.082	12.236	12.694	12.515	12.392	12.310	11.929	11.615
Greene		18.310	1.509	1.399	1.481	1.232	1.117	1.374	1.481	1.475	1.459	1.478	1.553	1.478	1.143
Hale		31.290	2.522	2.510	2.713	2.497	2.190	2.692	2.723	3.027	2.758	2.720	2.773	2.732	2.461
Henry		35.727	2.790	3.225	3.684	3.330	2.853	3.001	3.192	3.068	3.213	3.116	3.488	3.330	2.495
Houston		538.755	45.872	45.457	53.083	40.215	39.659	45.310	46.215	49.192	46.113	47.126	47.660	46.015	41.759
Jackson		136.606	12.108	12.178	13.532	10.301	10.328	12.781	12.611	13.449	12.081	12.101	12.929	12.284	10.766
Jefferson		4.278.956	355.791	361.079	420.155	327.153	316.624	377.978	378.419	397.377	378.069	370.529	392.306	379.234	352.668
Lamar		37.982	2.959	3.154	3.282	2.803	2.453	3.255	3.212	3.298	3.672	3.217	3.327	2.827	2.844
Lauderdale		362.962	30.947	32.369	40.849	26.444	23.746	31.317	32.775	33.685	32.975	32.692	33.748	32.620	29.470
Lawrence		51.755	4.407	4.548	5.269	3.842	3.745	4.569	4.684	5.088	4.605	4.598	5.123	4.472	4.318
Lee		346.954	29.365	30.913	34.909	25.244	24.557	29.951	30.509	32.282	31.535	29.461	32.965	33.060	27.227
Limestone		161.477	13.104	13.969	15.810	12.216	12.240	14.795	15.117	15.756	14.585	14.708	16.174	14.941	12.113
Lowndes		16.854	1.439	1.411	1.773	1.428	1.573	1.768	1.613	1.840	1.959	1.822	1.868	1.981	1.672
Macon		45.136	3.678	3.644	3.989	3.685	2.942	3.448	3.639	3.705	3.647	3.711	4.046	4.069	3.736
Madison		1.049.550	87.100	92.206	108.889	78.976	76.405	92.378	96.413	101.008	96.614	98.532	103.881	97.198	85.978
Marengo		69.347	5.903	6.440	7.233	6.108	5.513	6.243	6.525	6.813	5.798	5.901	6.488	6.157	5.756
Marion		95.317	7.634	8.336	10.053	7.627	6.620	8.437	8.664	9.279	9.009	8.604	9.043	8.669	8.075
Marshall		339.442	28.415	29.526	33.462	25.122	24.668	31.308	32.866	34.684	33.447	33.774	34.772	31.876	28.410
Mobile		1.757.187	144.128	146.863	172.698	133.251	124.783	148.655	152.005	157.763	162.180	156.530	157.392	151.525	119.410
Monroe		102.802	8.969	11.558	10.934	6.099	6.070	8.450	7.895	8.402	5.463	8.283	10.403	9.213	8.584
Montgomery		1.231.132	100.355	108.190	127.057	92.534	90.140	107.596	105.637	112.269	113.169	109.989	109.374	108.009	98.411
Morgan		452.408	38.353	39.933	47.175	32.642	31.938	40.753	43.783	45.877	43.533	43.421	46.370	44.904	39.419
Perry		25.165	2.165	1.998	2.165	1.763	1.785	2.099	2.087	2.108	2.079	2.037	2.000	1.988	1.853
Pickens		41.346	3.596	3.300	3.777	2.796	2.870	3.507	3.683	3.872	3.895	3.600	3.893	3.445	3.121
Pike		90.768	8.022	7.793	9.022	7.434	6.627	7.741	7.676	8.758	8.620	8.129	8.935	8.738	7.151
Randolph		57.911	4.794	5.187	5.356	5.444	4.488	4.942	4.770	4.778	4.870	4.459	4.601	4.683	4.112
Russell		121.519	10.343	10.114	11.826	9.102	8.699	10.242	11.358	11.243	10.417	10.406	9.734	9.396	9.733
St. Clair		121.089	10.626	9.515	10.821	9.036	9.349	11.664	11.848	12.875	12.986	11.552	12.644	11.515	10.608
Shelby		253.358	21.059	20.998	21.848	21.142	18.077	23.018	23.064	24.040	23.573	23.972	24.175	22.117	19.970
Sumter		30.989	2.611	2.891	3.107	2.488	2.258	2.567	2.709	2.605	2.541	2.371	2.392	2.320	2.222
Talladega		240.179	19.191	20.116	23.681	18.175	17.342	20.426	21.411	24.650	22.259	22.936	21.539	21.056	18.272
Tallapoosa		127.481	10.119	10.768	11.807	9.525	8.760	10.598	11.153	12.390	12.114	10.981	11.860	10.660	9.948
Tuscaloosa		631.377	53.217	53.102	64.765	47.689	47.137	55.393	55.576	58.629	56.915	56.475	59.218	57.063	51.766
Walker		291.355	24.638	25.786	28.514	23.126	21.552	26.075	27.163	30.002	28.127	27.647	29.411	27.183	25.308
Washington		21.666	2.002	1.728	1.786	1.498	1.587	1.697	1.743	1.992	1.656	1.940	1.694	1.973	1.207
Wilcox		27.999	2.290	2.189	2.605	2.118	2.046	2.222	2.140	2.263	2.114	2.131	2.196	1.899	1.718
Winston		71.301	5.659	5.934	6.691	5.540	5.134	6.752	6.585	6.941	6.829	6.642	7.192	6.686	6.433
Statewide		974.006	86.221	86.274	107.047	79.777	65.082	83.513	81.424	83.471	90.931	85.436	93.136	89.227	71.433
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	1.079.085	1.258.032	84.514	95.153	105.139	60.081	65.750	123.177	108.071	116.575	94.168	108.400	119.196	102.688	113.685
Residential	449.881	438.383	36.966	36.682	20.874	25.969	28.712	45.287	52.029	51.647	42.696	40.234	39.678	47.802	40.909
Nonresidential	366.127	586.743	29.249	36.821	66.040	21.592	28.887	60.384	41.663	43.334	37.414	49.934	59.520	35.358	51.625
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8.848	8.869	737	669	613	659	627	826	844	758	763	878	848	812	774
Residential	3.593	3.530	256	255	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	257
Nonresidential	932	1.213	95	93	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104	104	97
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	213.343	104.141	5.797	12.365	13.105	5.535	11.188	14.508	10.021	33.770	8.956	14.621	29.355	8.486	17.571
Residential	31.921	15.598	1.076	963	802	773	1.241	1.301	1.615	6.605	4.665	2.706	2.412	1.776	944
Nonresidential	108.370	25.706	4.675	1.568	5.114	2.057	2.717	8.497	8.406	21.476	4.097	8.118	21.052	3.652	10.479
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	14.095	18.028	1.920	1.720	1.476	1.444	1.133	1.939	2.051	1.895	1.621	2.059	1.965	2.368	2.255
Residential	7.340	11.596	1.142	1.052	897	814	570	1.138	1.189	906	700	882	816	894	904
Nonresidential	2.156	2.744	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1.075
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18.943	17.520	1.857	2.461	1.458	967	886	830	2.986	1.484	8.242	2.347	1.196	7.230	6.904
Residential	7.760	6.718	670	1.405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427
Nonresidential	6.339	5.478	860	680	483	58	118	46	2.098	597	7.714	1.562	278	6.132	5.938
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	13.596	9.310	2.546	1.057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2.719	1.113	256
Residential	2.006	2.129	53	128	...	56	103	462	...	126	303	12	97	187	47
Nonresidential	3.912	5.826	2.331	894	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1.183	676	37
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	122.759	147.927	8.187	13.808	19.407	6.178	6.268	24.795	15.973	13.031	7.737	20.212	10.313	21.977	13.404
Residential	51.350	55.064	2.982	8.817	1.593	2.863	1.440	3.194	2.683	5.377	2.233	3.555	2.415	9.861	6.569
Nonresidential	45.128	73.370	3.835	3.266	15.945	2.668	2.755	18.064	11.107	5.444	3.647	14.893	6.506	10.682	4.445
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109.508	254.605	10.322	10.320	31.156	7.730	4.770	6.893	5.991	8.130	7.774	6.815	14.219	6.317	6.730
Residential	38.261	26.314	2.636	1.673	1.065	1.478	1.738	1.234	1.372	2.927	1.619	1.212	1.175	987	1.114
Nonresidential	49.663	197.690	2.288	7.264	28.688	5.120	2.165	4.458	3.185	2.775	4.835	4.213	11.741	4.211	3.812

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275
Residential	32,619	35,697	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304
Quad-Cities															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834
Residential	6,391	7,172	430	381	126	351	177	704	606	328	578	592	749	696	874
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442	388	453	186	570	396	98
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	593	309	312	36	109	184	73	237	69				
Residential	357	643	76	35		36	109	184	73	237	69				
Nonresidential	798	1,908	4	188	167										
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403	5,621	3,169	3,195	2,557	5,965	3,978
Residential	14,849	15,717	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726	1,951	1,335	2,207	919	4,613	943
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876	2,896	462	324	367	502	2,309

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Employment Trends

Alabama's unemployment rate has continued to fall. In fact, in November, 1985, Alabama had the largest decrease in the nation - 2.9 points. Not every industry in Alabama is faring equally well. Manufacuring industries have shown decreases in total employment over time, and these decreases reflect a national trend. However, nearly every state, including Alabama, shows gains in employment in finance, insurance and real estate; services; and government. Alabama's employment in trade has not kept up with the national pace, but employment in construction has been strong.

Unfortunately, the two states with the most persistently high unemployment rates are in our part of the country. West Virginia continues to have the nation's highest unemployment rate followed by Louisiana, also with double digit rates.

These data are preliminary and do not reflect all economic activity for the year 1985. Complete compilations and analyses cannot be finished and made available until spring. The source for this discussion is the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Alabama Business Correction Note

On page 6 of the December issue of *Alabama Business*, figures for building permits for the last line of Gadsden, all of Huntsville, and all of Mobile were shifted one column too far to the left. Monthly data for those cities for that construct therefore show in the wrong month's column. CBER regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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INDUSTRY SHARE OF ALABAMA TOTAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT
1971 - 1980
(PERCENTAGE)

LABEL	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
TOTAL REAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
MANUFACTURING	27.488	28.454	29.807	29.294	26.798	27.690	27.961	28.151	28.288	28.529
NONDURABLE	13.146	13.937	14.690	14.521	13.884	14.482	14.627	14.252	14.544	14.856
FOOD	2.317	2.435	2.560	2.390	2.333	2.309	2.198	2.097	2.216	2.341
TEXTILES	2.794	2.930	2.894	2.774	2.538	2.875	2.994	2.847	2.861	2.865
APPAREL	1.719	1.911	2.038	2.172	2.207	2.297	2.193	2.217	2.147	2.390
PAPER	2.188	2.310	2.413	2.434	2.247	2.382	2.364	2.288	2.371	2.281
PRINTING, PUBLISHING	.629	.665	.702	.669	.674	.652	.670	.641	.629	.627
CHEMICALS	1.618	1.642	1.751	1.828	1.989	2.065	2.072	2.054	2.168	2.087
RUBBER, PLASTIC	1.143	1.295	1.464	1.474	1.338	1.091	1.475	1.479	1.422	1.475
OTHER NONDURABLE	.697	.715	.889	.861	.595	.816	.704	.679	.725	.789
DURABLE	14.342	14.517	15.111	14.773	12.913	13.208	13.339	13.899	14.443	13.678
LUMBER	1.681	1.946	2.192	2.189	1.871	1.956	1.964	1.907	1.961	1.903
FURNITURE	.311	.382	.368	.338	.294	.347	.355	.418	.416	.416
PRIMARY METALS	5.679	5.655	5.788	5.622	4.500	4.471	4.151	4.314	4.198	3.687
FABRICATED METALS	1.530	1.628	1.878	1.690	1.540	1.633	1.677	1.674	1.779	1.725
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	.916	.913	.946	1.112	.998	.963	.996	1.125	1.177	1.200
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	.735	.786	.802	.874	.845	.987	1.253	1.239	1.433	1.454
ALL TRANS EQUIP	2.257	1.939	1.905	1.821	1.725	1.645	1.855	1.913	2.232	2.062
STONE, CLAY, GLASS	.818	.878	.849	.841	.782	.816	.796	.823	.813	.768
OTHER DURABLE	.416	.396	.334	.338	.363	.420	.487	.489	.442	.460
MINING	.947	1.019	.989	.973	1.130	1.121	1.105	1.060	1.257	1.346
CONSTRUCTION	4.733	4.728	5.046	4.907	4.672	4.386	4.883	4.684	4.038	3.703
TRADE	15.750	16.096	16.287	16.183	16.640	16.631	16.550	16.295	16.148	15.813
SERVICES	10.283	10.270	10.125	10.184	10.085	9.870	9.674	9.802	9.760	10.113
FINANCE, INSUR, REAL ESTATE	10.548	10.539	10.212	10.720	11.347	11.216	11.845	11.090	10.996	10.996
BANKING	1.424	1.401	1.419	1.457	1.474	1.413	1.448	1.527	1.668	1.703
NONBANKING	9.125	9.138	8.795	9.264	9.873	9.809	10.397	9.518	9.329	9.299
TRANS, COMM, PUB UTIL	8.519	8.834	9.096	9.085	9.470	9.468	9.714	10.329	10.261	11.385
TRANSPORTATION	3.188	3.242	3.268	3.278	3.134	3.138	3.193	3.238	3.122	2.968
COMMUNICATIONS	2.476	2.612	2.787	2.880	3.109	3.151	3.575	3.727	3.900	4.263
PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.847	2.973	3.041	2.927	3.126	2.979	2.963	3.363	3.237	3.254
GOVERNMENT	17.863	16.605	15.846	16.342	16.647	15.743	15.257	15.268	15.333	[illegible]
STATE AND LOCAL	8.140	7.807	7.746	8.244	8.844	8.183	8.391	8.759	8.887	9.278
FEDERAL	9.723	8.798	8.107	8.105	[illegible]	7.560	6.864	6.509	6.446	6.882
FARMING	3.877	3.447	2.606	2.506	3.205	3.381	3.029	3.525	3.278	2.460

INDUSTRY SHARE OF ALABAMA TOTAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT
1981 - 1990
(PERCENTAGE)

LABEL	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
TOTAL REAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
MANUFACTURING	28.697	26.684	26.493	27.160	27.074	26.477	26.841	26.915	26.753	26.139
NONDURABLE	15.016	14.569	14.513	14.648	14.464	14.068	13.947	13.765	13.502	13.135
FOOD	2.421	2.470	2.439	2.398	2.373	2.343	2.289	2.264	2.232	2.204
TEXTILES	2.754	2.613	2.635	2.737	2.653	2.559	2.520	2.467	2.399	2.324
APPAREL	2.463	2.410	2.364	2.401	2.380	2.283	2.101	1.973	1.835	1.766
PAPER	2.399	2.525	2.457	2.341	2.278	2.196	2.245	2.255	2.240	2.110
PRINTING, PUBLISHING	.646	.630	.656	.672	.665	.641	.638	.627	.617	.605
CHEMICALS	2.018	1.742	1.656	1.689	1.669	1.629	1.697	1.721	1.729	1.718
RUBBER, PLASTIC	1.621	1.512	1.602	1.694	1.722	1.679	1.740	1.747	1.743	1.694
OTHER NONDURABLE	.699	.657	.704	.715	.724	.736	.717	.711	.707	.714
DURABLE	13.676	12.115	11.977	12.517	12.597	12.416	12.897	13.141	13.256	13.000
LUMBER	1.774	1.720	1.800	1.846	1.810	1.713	1.775	1.811	1.814	1.668
FURNITURE	.429	.416	.438	.444	.451	.432	.444	.442	.441	.425
PRIMARY METALS	3.623	2.465	2.095	2.295	2.300	2.187	2.400	2.414	2.358	2.173
FABRICATED METALS	1.727	1.610	1.500	1.552	1.542	1.502	1.557	1.566	1.563	1.498
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	1.261	1.150	1.195	1.253	1.303	1.276	1.350	1.393	1.426	1.394
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	1.605	1.660	1.945	2.049	2.219	2.414	2.574	2.784	3.011	3.268
ALL TRANS EQUIP	2.050	1.933	1.893	1.999	1.929	1.863	1.739	1.675	1.603	1.555
STONE, CLAY, GLASS	.731	.685	.680	.685	.671	.667	.720	.732	.732	.715
OTHER DURABLE	.482	.482	.430	.394	.373	.361	.338	.322	.310	.302
MINING	1.224	1.320	1.238	1.197	1.204	1.223	1.252	1.313	1.384	1.437
CONSTRUCTION	3.332	3.199	3.357	3.309	3.234	3.232	3.510	3.567	3.515	3.498
TRADE	15.434	15.670	16.301	16.530	16.465	16.412	16.345	16.114	15.985	15.852
SERVICES	10.434	11.036	11.000	10.793	10.698	10.695	10.315	10.142	10.000	9.970
FINANCE, INSUR, REAL ESTATE	10.916	11.146	11.376	11.067	11.437	11.933	12.083	12.396	12.772	13.308
BANKING	1.864	1.769	1.773	1.767	1.781	1.808	1.779	1.777	1.782	1.801
NONBANKING	9.052	9.377	9.603	9.300	9.656	10.124	10.304	10.619	10.990	11.507
TRANS, COMM, PUB UTIL	10.461	10.538	10.447	10.980	11.201	11.282	11.479	11.574	11.696	11.740
TRANSPORTATION	2.850	2.782	2.689	2.778	2.781	2.736	2.738	2.719	2.696	2.648
COMMUNICATIONS	4.232	4.393	4.286	4.628	4.831	4.966	5.145	5.266	5.410	5.516
PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.379	3.368	3.472	3.573	3.591	3.580	3.595	3.590	3.589	3.576
GOVERNMENT	15.715	16.135	15.624	14.943	14.707	14.718	14.240	14.061	13.955	14.030
STATE AND LOCAL	8.856	8.999	8.715	8.376	8.364	8.509	8.397	8.454	8.549	8.741
FEDERAL	6.859	7.137	6.910	6.567	6.344	6.208	5.842	5.607	5.406	5.288
FARMING	3.792	4.272	4.154	4.020	3.982	4.024	3.928	3.922	3.941	4.025

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Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate

The finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) sector was a reliable performer for the Alabama economy in the 1970s. After adjusting for inflation, FIRE averaged an annual growth rate in output of 6.1 percent from 1974 through 1978, while the U.S. average growth rate for FIRE was 4.2 percent. For the next five years, 1979-1983, FIRE nationally declined in real output growth to an annual average of 3.3 percent. In Alabama the industry declined as well. During that time FIRE in Alabama averaged only 1.0 percent real growth. However, the FIRE sector in Alabama has seen recovery and should return to a pattern of above-average growth in the coming years.

FIRE accounts for less than 4 percent of the state's employment but produces about 11 percent of Gross State Product (GSP). If FIRE is divided into banking and nonbanking components, nonbanking employs twice as many people as does banking and its output level is five times that of banking.

Recent trends. The finance, insurance, and real estate sector contributed $3.4 billion in output to Alabama's Gross State Product in 1979 and increased to $4.6 billion in 1983, an annual average growth rate of about 8 percent.

After declines in the early 1980s, a modest recovery of 5.5 percent real growth was seen in 1983, the highest since 1977. FIRE contributed 11.0 percent of GSP in 1979 and, due to declines in other industrial sectors, grew to 11.4 percent in 1983. FIRE's contribution of more than 16 percent of Gross National Product (GNP) in 1983 suggests that the FIRE in Alabama has not reached maturity.

FIRE employed 58,700 people in 1979, increasing to 61,200 in 1983. Due almost wholly to a decline in nonbanking employment, FIRE lost 400 jobs in 1982. FIRE has increased slowly in importance as an employer in the state, although its employment level has little significance to total employment. FIRE accounted for 3.5 percent of total employment in 1979 and increased to 3.7 percent in 1983.

The average annual wage paid by FIRE in 1983 was $16,400, ahead of trade and service workers and on par with nondurable manufacturing workers in the private, nonagricultural sector. The average 1983 banking wage was $14,200 and the average nonbanking wage was about $3,300 more. FIRE wage increases in recent years in Alabama have come at about the same rate as increases in the Consumer Price Index. FIRE's contribution to total personal income in Alabama has been slightly less than its share of total employment. About 2.7 percent of total personal income has been derived from FIRE in each of the past five years.

The FIRE sector has maintained remarkably high productivity levels for some time, although productivity—the return in value of output for every dollar of wage—has been on the decline. The productivity measure for FIRE was $4.72 in 1979 and slipped to $4.56 in 1983. FIRE remains unrivaled in productivity, however. By comparison, the second-place transportation, communications, and public utilities sector had a productivity level of $2.51 in 1983.

Outlook. The value of output from the finance, insurance, and real estate sector is forecasted to more than double by 1990. Output should be at $4.9 billion in 1984 and increase to $10.6 billion by 1990. The bulk of the increase is expected in the nonbanking segment, forecasted to increase from $4.1 billion in output in 1984 to $9.1 billion in 1990. Slow growth in nonbanking held growth in FIRE overall below that of Gross State Product in 1984, but for the next six years growth in FIRE output should be at 13 percent or better, well above that of GSP.

The FIRE sector in Alabama should gain steadily in contribution to GSP because of sustained, above-average growth. FIRE accounted for 11.0 percent of GSP in 1984 and should increase to 13.3 percent in 1990. This will still be below the 16.0 percent share of FIRE to GNP seen nationally. Nonbanking is expected to lead in the gain, increasing in share of GSP from 9.3 percent in 1984 to 11.5 percent in 1990.

Almost 24,000 new jobs are expected in FIRE between 1984 and 1990. FIRE employment for 1984 was estimated to be 62,200 and is forecasted to reach 86,100 by 1990. The bulk of the employment gains are expected in nonbanking, forecasted to increase from a level of 40,900 jobs in 1984 to 61,700 in 1990. The share of total employment attributable to FIRE should increase as the sector gains in employment above the state average. FIRE accounted for 3.7 percent of total state employment in 1984, and will increase to 4.5 by 1990.

No significant shifts in wage rates are forecasted. The nonbanking worker can expect to earn $26,000 in 1990, while his banking counterpart can expect only $21,400. All wages for Alabama FIRE workers are expected to be about $4,000 less than national averages in 1990. Increased employment share coupled with good wages means a higher share of total personal income derived from the FIRE sector, although FIRE's contribution to personal income should remain disproportionately low in comparison to its contributions to GSP and employment. FIRE accounted for 2.6 percent of the total personal income of Alabamians in 1984 and will increase to 3.1 percent by 1990. FIRE will remain unrivaled in productivity in the coming years and the trend of declining productivity should be reversed. In 1984, FIRE productivity was $4.55 per dollar of wage and will increase to $4.97 by 1990.

Financial Markets

Recent trends. The revolution caused by deregulation in the banking industry is reflected by changes in banking and savings habits in the state. Commercial bank time and savings deposits increased from $8.6 billion in 1979 to $14.2 billion in 1983, an annual average growth rate of 12.5 percent. This rate was buoyed by very strong growth in 1981 and 1983. Savings in savings and loan institutions increased modestly, from $4.1 billion in 1979 to $5.2 billion in 1983, a 6.6 percent annual average increase. Commercial bank demand deposits have been very flat, however, declining in two of the past five years. Demand deposits were at a level of $4.8 billion in 1979, fell to a low of $4.3 billion in 1981, and recovered to $4.7 billion in 1983.

Sales of ordinary life insurance have seen remarkable growth, more than doubling in the past five years. Life insurance sales were slightly under $6 billion in 1979 and reached over $12 billion in 1983, an annual average growth of 18.6 percent. Influential to the decline in construction, home mortgage lending rates have exceeded 10 percent in the past five years, peaking at 15.1 percent in 1982.

Outlook. Trends established in the era of deregulation are expected to be with us for some time. Commercial bank time and savings deposits are forecasted to have sustained recovery through 1990. These deposits were estimated at $16.4 billion in 1984 and should increase to $32.0 billion in 1990, an annual average growth of 12.3 percent. Savings in savings and loan institutions should increase from $5.8 billion in 1984 to $10.5 billion in 1990 with most of the growth occuring in the late 1980s. The average annual rate for savings growth is forecasted at 10.6 percent. Commercial bank demand deposits are forecasted to grow from a level of $4.9 billion in 1984 to $7.1 billion in 1990. Growth in demand deposits is forecasted to average 6.0 percent annually.

Ordinary life insurance sales are forecasted to maintain spectacular growth, increasing almost threefold from $14.3 billion in 1984 to $39.0 billion in 1990. This will result in an average annual growth rate of 18.3 percent.

No return to the soaring interest rates of the early 1980s is in the forecast. Rates for the most part will remain below 10.0 percent. Interest rates for new-home mortgages should remain in the 12 to 13 percent range for the balance of the 1980s.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	33,511
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,049	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	571	520	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,025,800	229,200	241,100	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,700	85,800	97,700	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800
Nonresidential	1,025,800	920,000	86,300	83,700	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,200	57,000	59,800	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	105	100	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465
Franchise	52,214	64,475	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144
Income	815,838	1,009,832	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479
Sales	609,132	704,299	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,638	66	......	13,643	......	1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23	......	13,922
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	......	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346	......
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098
Use	66,519	75,723	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143
Utility	152,287	151,261	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5
Percent Change	3.3	4.3	.3	......	.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Food	291.7	302.9	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8
Housing	323.1	336.5	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1
Transportation	298.4	311.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9
Medical care	357.3	379.5	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5
Energy	419.3	423.6	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.6	308.0
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.4	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	......
Wholesale prices	330	322	323	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324	......	......	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.8
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4
Food	27.0	28.0	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	56.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.8
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6
Trade	273.3	290.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3
Government	292.7	293.8	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200
	14.2	9.6	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390
	12.1	10.9	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480
	13.1	10.5	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120
	19.5	16.6	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480
	15.0	11.0	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750
	17.2	14.5	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6
Butler	9,790	9,800	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780
	17.4	13.8	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070
	13.1	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250
	9.8	9.3	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150
	15.2	14.0	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950
	13.1	11.3	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890
	15.1	16.3	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130	10,320	10,360	9,940	9,890	10,120
	16.2	14.3	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580
	14.0	10.9	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320
	12.5	10.2	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180	19,880	19,930	19,890	19,680	20,270
	10.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140
	18.7	16.4	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320
	12.7	11.8	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850	5,840	5,900	6,000	6,140	6,280
	10.3	8.0	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.2
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,980	15,800	15,740	15,990
	12.2	9.9	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.8
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550	7,160	7,090	7,160	7,380	7,600
	12.1	11.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.1	5.8	6.2
Cullman	28,590	29,550	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970	29,780	29,260	29,580	29,710	30,210
	14.7	11.5	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.2	8.0
Dale	22,200	22,740	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310	23,220	23,220	23,100	22,990	23,320
	9.5	7.7	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130	23,130	23,570	22,940	22,870	23,220
	17.6	15.7	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.6	13.5	14.2	15.2
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740	30,900	31,210	31,560	30,870	31,060
	13.8	10.8	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.6
Elmore	20,620	20,770	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670	21,530	21,290	21,180	20,940	21,280
	12.2	7.7	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980	17,970	17,940	17,750	17,920	17,740
	12.5	12.1	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7	9.3	8.0
Etowah	42,290	42,610	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600	41,880	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,560
	17.4	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.7	9.4
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480
	11.7	9.5	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,310	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100
	18.2	18.6	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	12.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4
Geneva	11,360	11,740	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150
	10.4	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.5
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680
	16.6	17.1	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460
	16.5	17.1	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,490	7,800
	11.2	9.4	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.9	9.1
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200	37,400	37,250	37,310	37,080	37,550
	11.3	9.0	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,080	19,060	19,120	19,230
	22.1	16.8	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820
	13.1	9.6	9.5	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810
	9.7	7.3	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3	7.5	7.1
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400
	16.6	14.8	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290
	18.8	15.1	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7
Lee	35,870	38,470	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730
	8.4	6.5	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9
Limestone	19,310	20,230	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,180	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570
	14.1	10.8	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070
	17.9	18.3	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.8	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480
	13.6	11.1	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140
	8.5	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410
	15.5	14.2	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220
	19.4	14.9	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140
	14.4	12.6	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5
Mobile	162,590	164,730	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690
	15.9	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760
	12.6	16.2	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840
	10.5	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650
	14.5	11.5	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000
	14.8	13.3	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250
	18.0	15.9	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1
Pike	13,680	13,560	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790
	13.7	10.1	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930
	17.9	14.9	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210
	13.7	12.9	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260
	14.2	11.5	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710
	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060
	14.3	11.5	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3
Talladega	31,560	31,150	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160
	17.2	15.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200
	12.1	9.4	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220
	12.4	9.6	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110
	16.3	13.3	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160
	20.0	18.1	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330
	20.2	15.3	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970
	18.7	19.6	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,288	9,484	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,243	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	....	....
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	122,393	141,896	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	3,652	305	306	328	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	321	301	254
General stores with food and gas	....	175	15	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	15	13
General merchandise	....	2,382	185	238	356	161	150	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	196
Apparel	....	568	46	52	77	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	42
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	....	544	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	41
Automotive	....	3,088	259	245	243	234	243	299	294	322	312	304	317	314	255
Gasoline service stations	....	296	26	23	25	24	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	22
Lumber and building materials	....	890	81	76	66	58	54	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	82
Hardware and farm implements	....	427	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	35
Eating places	....	1,293	109	107	119	99	96	120	114	126	126	126	134	118	107
Drug stores	....	264	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	20
All other retail	....	2,162	162	190	245	176	157	183	184	195	186	180	191	182	165
Total sales by retail concerns	....	15,740	1,311	1,357	1,589	1,211	1,152	1,395	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,403	1,469	1,394	1,232
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	2,614	225	214	238	180	173	210	225	232	226	234	236	233	210
Total all sales at retail	....	18,354	1,536	1,571	1,826	1,391	1,325	1,606	1,625	1,706	1,668	1,637	1,705	1,627	1,442
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Birmingham	....	5,033,813	420,066	424,831	489,919	387,391	372,395	446,787	448,683	473,300	451,660	441,965	467,504	449,052	416,588
Dothan	....	643,669	54,631	54,483	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,083	56,735	57,462	55,210	50,214
Florence	....	612,946	51,909	52,867	64,719	43,868	40,926	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,493	54,379	55,749	53,459	46,898
Gadsden	....	459,928	38,513	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,979	40,950	42,213	38,837	35,424
Huntsville	....	1,049,550	87,100	92,206	108,889	78,976	76,405	92,378	96,413	101,008	96,614	98,532	103,881	97,198	85,978
Mobile	....	2,100,234	172,902	175,335	203,304	158,042	149,374	179,119	183,663	190,942	195,112	191,006	189,329	179,292	140,330
Montgomery	....	1,429,916	116,481	124,805	146,165	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,184	131,204	131,563	128,591	128,724	125,441	114,627
Tuscaloosa	....	631,377	53,217	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,393	55,576	58,629	56,915	56,475	59,218	57,063	51,766
Counties															
Autauga	....	96,703	7,973	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,466	8,821	9,283	9,773	8,358	8,404
Baldwin	....	343,047	28,774	28,472	30,606	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,932	34,476	31,937	27,767	20,920
Barbour	....	71,583	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,568	6,397	6,150	5,337
Bibb	....	41,388	3,500	3,782	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,585
Blount	....	89,053	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,968	9,003	8,034
Bullock	....	26,077	2,057	2,337	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,011	2,003	2,015	1,742
Butler	....	65,569	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,241	5,627	5,178	5,152	5,045	4,834	4,722
Calhoun	....	507,895	43,401	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,591	45,678	45,404	48,939	46,070	39,533
Chambers	....	107,006	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,467	9,223	8,940	7,830
Cherokee	....	47,907	4,017	3,800	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,441	4,115
Chilton	....	99,874	8,757	8,822	10,205	7,553	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,134	8,899	9,525	9,006	8,468
Choctaw	....	36,637	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,201	3,232	3,158	3,532	2,963	2,749
Clarke	....	98,648	8,669	8,799	10,075	7,889	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,435	8,961	9,211	8,920	6,698
Clay	....	26,368	2,172	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,396	2,211	1,957
Cleburne	....	22,200	1,880	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,883
Coffee	....	186,107	14,416	15,412	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,267	16,331	16,421	15,642	16,561	16,660	16,569	13,927

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	....	249,984	20,962	20,496	23,870	17,424	17,180	21,211	21,965	21,924	21,518	21,687	22,001	20,839	17,428
Conecuh	....	37,533	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,236	2,854	2,493
Coosa	....	8,932	842	834	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	873	852	757	806
Covington	....	137,576	11,650	11,221	13,089	9,836	9,774	11,406	11,659	12,391	12,095	11,930	12,445	11,489	9,228
Crenshaw	....	30,987	2,792	3,201	3,159	2,540	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,910	3,267	3,176	2,914	3,121	2,615
Cullman	....	237,638	21,068	20,374	23,445	16,838	16,261	21,565	21,542	22,681	22,282	21,488	23,098	20,966	18,872
Dale	....	104,914	8,759	9,026	10,688	7,839	8,096	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,802	9,195	8,455
Dallas	....	199,199	17,166	17,232	19,682	15,424	14,214	17,057	17,820	18,137	17,792	17,551	18,845	17,130	15,348
DeKalb	....	180,387	15,257	15,829	17,567	12,341	11,474	15,327	15,933	16,935	17,224	15,754	17,345	15,974	18,378
Elmore	....	102,081	8,153	8,366	9,851	7,672	7,865	9,306	9,492	9,469	9,573	9,319	9,577	9,074	7,812
Escambia	....	141,761	12,266	11,884	14,710	10,567	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,931	11,738	11,896	11,135	9,846
Etowah	....	459,928	38,513	37,169	44,631	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,979	40,950	42,213	38,837	35,424
Fayette	....	64,918	5,116	5,081	6,390	4,372	4,575	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,669	5,631	4,335
Franklin	....	99,528	8,023	8,785	9,790	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,706	7,884	8,720	8,032	7,513
Geneva	....	144,828	11,669	12,646	13,673	11,379	11,286	12,082	12,236	12,694	12,515	12,392	12,310	11,929	11,615
Greene	....	18,310	1,509	1,399	1,481	1,232	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,553	1,478	1,143
Hale	....	31,290	2,522	2,510	2,713	2,497	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,758	2,720	2,773	2,732	2,461
Henry	....	35,727	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,330	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,213	3,116	3,488	3,330	2,495
Houston	....	538,755	45,872	45,457	53,083	40,215	39,659	45,310	46,215	49,192	46,113	47,126	47,660	46,015	41,759
Jackson	....	136,606	12,108	12,178	13,532	10,301	10,328	12,781	12,611	13,449	12,081	12,101	12,929	12,284	10,766
Jefferson	....	4,278,958	355,791	361,079	420,155	327,153	316,624	377,978	378,419	397,377	378,069	370,529	392,306	379,234	352,668
Lamar	....	37,982	2,959	3,154	3,282	2,803	2,453	3,255	3,212	3,298	3,672	3,217	3,327	2,827	2,844
Lauderdale	....	362,962	30,947	32,369	40,849	26,444	23,746	31,317	32,775	33,685	32,975	32,692	33,748	32,620	29,470
Lawrence	....	51,755	4,407	4,548	5,269	3,842	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,088	4,605	4,598	5,123	4,472	4,318
Lee	....	346,954	29,365	30,913	34,909	25,244	24,557	29,951	30,509	32,282	31,535	29,461	32,965	33,060	27,227
Limestone	....	161,477	13,104	13,969	15,810	12,216	12,240	14,795	15,117	15,756	14,585	14,708	[illegible]	14,941	12,113
Lowndes	....	16,854	1,439	1,411	1,773	1,428	1,573	1,768	1,613	1,840	1,959	1,822	1,868	1,981	1,672
Macon	....	45,136	3,678	3,644	3,989	3,685	2,942	3,448	3,639	3,705	3,647	3,711	4,046	4,069	3,736
Madison	....	1,049,550	87,100	92,206	108,889	78,976	76,405	92,378	96,413	101,008	96,614	98,532	103,881	97,198	85,978
Marengo	....	69,347	5,903	6,440	7,233	6,108	5,513	6,243	6,525	6,813	5,798	5,901	6,488	6,157	5,756
Marion	....	95,317	7,634	8,336	10,053	7,627	6,620	8,437	8,664	9,279	9,009	8,604	9,043	8,669	8,075
Marshall	....	339,442	28,415	29,526	33,462	25,122	24,668	31,308	32,866	34,684	33,447	33,774	34,772	31,876	28,410
Mobile	....	1,757,187	144,128	146,863	172,698	133,251	124,783	148,655	152,005	157,763	162,180	156,530	157,392	151,525	119,410
Monroe	....	102,802	8,969	11,558	10,934	6,099	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,283	10,403	9,213	8,584
Montgomery	....	1,231,132	100,355	108,190	127,057	92,534	90,140	107,596	105,637	112,269	113,169	109,989	109,374	108,009	98,411
Morgan	....	452,408	38,353	39,933	47,175	32,642	31,938	40,753	43,783	45,877	43,533	43,421	46,370	44,904	39,419
Perry	....	25,165	2,165	1,998	2,165	1,763	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,037	2,000	1,988	1,853
Pickens	....	41,346	3,596	3,300	3,777	2,796	2,870	3,507	3,683	3,872	3,895	3,600	3,893	3,445	3,121
Pike	....	90,768	8,022	7,793	9,022	7,434	6,627	7,741	7,676	8,758	8,620	8,129	8,935	8,738	7,151
Randolph	....	57,911	4,794	5,187	5,356	5,444	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,870	4,459	4,601	4,683	4,112
Russell	....	121,519	10,343	10,114	11,826	9,102	8,699	10,242	11,358	11,243	10,417	10,406	9,734	9,396	9,733
St. Clair	....	121,089	10,626	9,515	10,821	9,036	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,986	11,552	12,644	11,515	10,608
Shelby	....	253,358	21,059	20,998	21,848	21,142	18,077	23,018	23,064	24,040	23,573	23,972	24,175	22,117	19,970
Sumter	....	30,989	2,611	2,891	3,107	2,488	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,371	2,392	2,320	2,222
Talladega	....	240,179	19,191	20,116	23,681	18,175	17,342	20,426	21,411	24,650	22,259	22,936	21,539	21,056	18,272
Tallapoosa	....	127,481	10,119	10,768	11,807	9,525	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,390	12,114	10,981	11,860	10,660	9,948
Tuscaloosa	....	631,377	53,217	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,393	55,576	58,629	56,915	56,475	59,218	57,063	51,766
Walker	....	291,355	24,638	25,786	28,514	23,126	21,552	26,075	27,163	30,002	28,127	27,647	29,411	27,183	25,308
Washington	....	21,666	2,002	1,728	1,786	1,498	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,992	1,656	1,940	1,694	1,973	1,207
Wilcox	....	27,999	2,290	2,189	2,605	2,118	2,046	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,114	2,131	2,196	1,899	1,718
Winston	....	71,301	5,659	5,934	6,691	5,540	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,642	7,192	6,686	6,433
Statewide[11]	....	974,006	86,221	86,274	107,047	79,777	65,082	83,513	81,424	83,471	90,931	85,436	93,136	89,227	71,433
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071	116,575	94,168	108,400	119,196	102,688	113,685
Residential	449,881	438,383	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647	42,696	40,234	39,678	47,802	40,909
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887	60,384	41,663	43,334	37,414	49,934	59,520	35,358	51,625
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	737	669	613	659	627	826	844	758	763	878	848	812	774
Residential	3,593	3,530	256	255	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	257
Nonresidential	932	1,213	95	93	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104	104	97
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021	33,770	8,956	14,621	29,355	8,486	17,571
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605	4,665	2,706	2,412	1,776	944
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497	8,406	21,476	4,097	8,118	21,052	3,652	10,479
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895	1,621	2,059	1,965	2,368	2,255
Residential	7,340	11,596	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906	700	882	816	894	904
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1,075
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484	8,242	2,347	1,196	7,230	6,904
Residential	7,760	6,718	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7,714	1,562	278	6,132	5,938
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2,719	1,113	256
Residential	2,006	2,129	53	128	....	56	103	462	....	126	303	12	97	187	47
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	2,331	894	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1,183	676	37
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031	7,737	20,212	10,313	21,977	13,404
Residential	51,350	55,064	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377	2,233	3,555	2,415	9,861	6,569
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107	5,444	3,647	14,893	6,506	10,682	4,445
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130	7,774	6,815	14,219	6,317	6,730
Residential	38,261	26,314	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927	1,619	1,212	1,175	987	1,114
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775	4,835	4,213	11,741	4,211	3,812

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984			1985									
	1983	1984	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275
Residential	32,619	35,697	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304
Quad-Cities															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834
Residential	6,391	7,172	430	381	126	351	177	704	606	328	578	592	749	696	874
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442	388	453	186	570	396	98
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	593	309	312	36	109	184	73	237	69	...	...	...	
Residential	357	643	76	35	...	36	109	184	73	237	69	...	...		
Nonresidential	798	1,908	4	188	167	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403	5,621	3,169	3,195	2,557	5,965	3,978
Residential	14,849	15,717	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726	1,951	1,335	2,207	919	4,613	943
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876	2,896	462	324	367	502	2,309

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Nonfarm Personal Income

Nonfarm personal income in the Southeast increased 1.2 percent in the third quarter of 1985, the most recent period available. Alabama's increase was only 0.7 percent, which ranked the state ninth of the twelve Southeastern states. Fortunately, Alabama did not experience negative personal income growth as did West Virginia (-0.6 percent) and Mississippi (-2.0 percent). South Carolina's increase of 2.0 percent was the second largest increase in the nation and Mississippi's decline ranked that state fiftieth.

Alabama's biggest personal income increase came in the manufacturing sector, which is a significant part of the state's economy. Also showing a noticeable gain were the wages and salaries in private service-type industries - wholesale and retail trade; the finance, insurance, and real estate group; the transportation, communications, and public utilities group; and standard service industries. Construction, mining, and government each showed slight increases in personal income as well.

Personal income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes and is reported in current dollars (no adjustment for inflation). Total personal income is the sum of income from all sources - government, private, wages, dividends, rent, transfer payments, etc. Nonfarm income, discussed in this article, is total personal income less farm labor and proprietor's income.

Additional data are available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, or from the Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Alabama.

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The Economy in Perspective: Focus on Marion County

Marion County is located in the northwest portion of Alabama. It is bordered by Franklin County to the north, Winston County to the east, Lamar and Fayette Counties to the south, and Mississippi to the west. Marion County has 743 square miles and no large towns. The county seat and largest community is Hamilton, population 5,442.

Demographic Characteristics

Marion County is almost exclusively white. Of the 34,200 people who live there 33,350, or 97.5 percent are white. Of the 840 nonwhites, 88 percent are black. The few individuals left are Asian. There are about 215 people of Spanish origin living in Marion County. (Spanish origin is an ethnic distinction, not a race. People of Spanish origin may be of any race.) Forty-nine percent of all Marion Countians are men and 51 percent are women.

A large proportion of the county's population is very young. Thirty-one percent of all people living there are younger than 20. Having nearly one-third of a population being infants, children, or teen-agers seems high, but that proportion holds true not only for Marion County but also for the state as a whole.

On the other hand, 14 percent of Marion Countians are over 65, compared to 12 percent for the state average. This 14 percent translates to 4,800 people. Of those, 2,800 are heading a household. Ninety-nine percent of all persons over 65 in Marion County are not working. About 10 percent would like to have a job; fewer than 50 over-65s are actually employed.

Education and Income

The educational attainment for senior citizens in Marion County is quite low. Perhaps they grew up in a time and place when completing one's education was not considered important. Sixty-two percent of people over 65 in Marion County have only an elementary school education. Only 69 men and 133 women in the county, in this age group have a college diploma. Unfortunately, academic credentials and income are related to each other. We should not be surprised to see that median family income for households in Marion County headed by a person 65 years or older is only $7,379. Median family income in the county for families of all age groups is nearly twice that amount - $14,228.

Emphasis on education has changed through time, but probably not enough in Marion County. Although 98 percent of children who are by law supposed to be in school are in fact enrolled, it is unfortunate that enrollment percentages drop drastically after age 16. Only 42 percent of all adults in the county are at least high school graduates.

By almost any income measure, Marion County ranks lower than the state average. The median family income for the state in 1980 was $16,347, but for Marion County was $14,228. Per capita personal income for the state in 1983 was $9,200, but for Marion County was $7,627. The average annual wage for employees in Alabama in 1985 was $17,171, but for Marion County was $16,899. Marion County is not forecasted to catch up within the next decade.

Employment

In Marion County, income is earned almost entirely from wages and salaries. Farming does not contribute much to the earned income pool, nor does the self-employment of proprietors of small businesses. Manufacturing industries provide more than half of all the jobs in the county (56.5 percent) and more than half of all the income that is earned in the county (57.0 percent). The other kinds of employment Marion Countians find are government jobs (13.9 percent of wage and salary employment); service jobs (10.8 percent); and retail trade jobs (8.2 percent). Public utilities, insurance and real estate, wholesale trade, mining, and construction jobs together represent less than 10 percent of all jobs in the county.

Major manufacturing industries are heavily concentrated in two groups - mobile homes and apparel. Other large manufacturing activities are roller bearings, plastic products, aluminum products, and cotton yarn.

Apparel manufacturing runs the gamut from military fatigues to delicate lingerie. Garments made by people in Marion County are distributed by national retailers and can be bought in stores all around the country. Nevertheless, wage rates in the apparel industry are the lowest of any industry in Alabama. The workers tend to be female and not unionized. Increases in wage rates for this industry have been very slow. For many years inflation outpaced gains in wages.

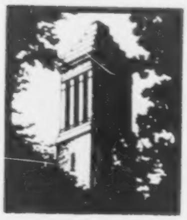
Recent downturns in demand for mobile homes have had an impact on Marion and its neighboring counties. Long-term trends noticed in this industry will have significant impacts on the economy of the county as a whole. The unemployment rate of Marion County during 1985 was among the highest in the state, never dropping below double digits and averaging 15.3 percent. The predominance of low-paying and economically sensitive manufacturing industries as the mainstay of the county's economy contributes to the noticeably low income of the county.

Geographic Mobility

Despite the troubles the county has seen, the residents tend to be loyal. The 1980 Census reveals that most people in Marion County have lived there a long time, and in fact have lived in the same house for many years. Not only do the residents prefer not to live in another county, they also prefer not to work in another county. Seventy-two percent of the workers have jobs within the county borders. Twenty-four percent commute to a job outside the county, mostly to Winston County. (Four percent did not report their place of work.) Winston County's recent economic slide has had big impacts on its sister Marion.

Marion County has to its credit people who love the county and who have deep roots there. If its young people can be persuaded to stay in school they would be a greater asset to the county, as well as a benefit to themselves. The county has a substantial number of young people with which to build a better future, if the young will acquire the skills and education they need to move themselves and their families forward.

— Annette Jones Watters



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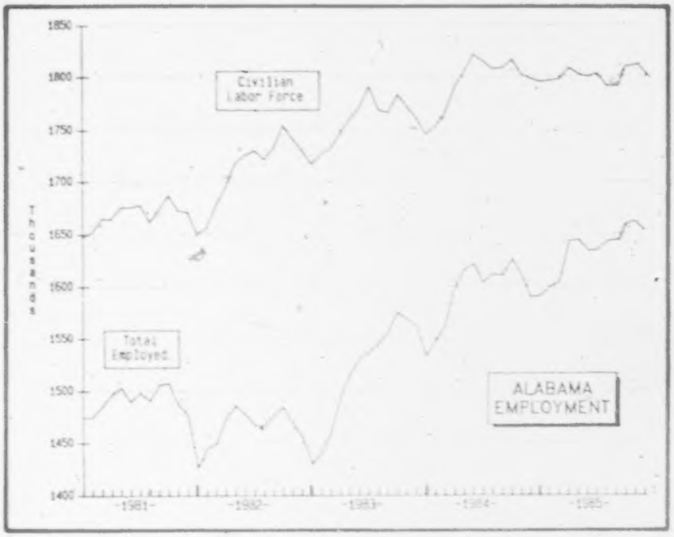

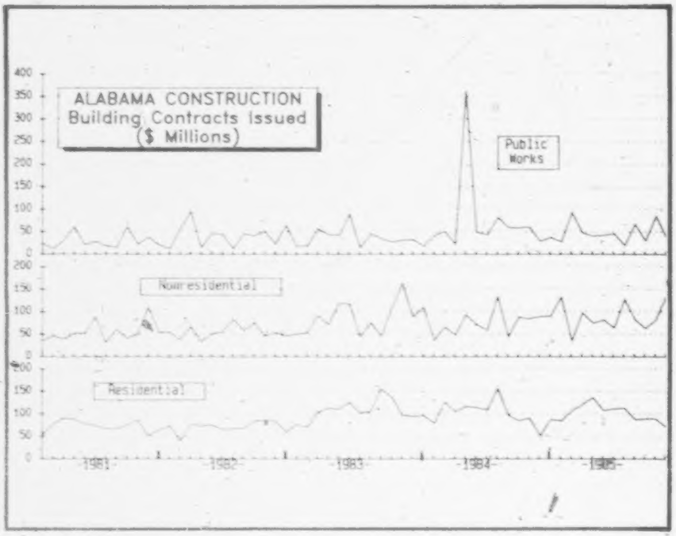

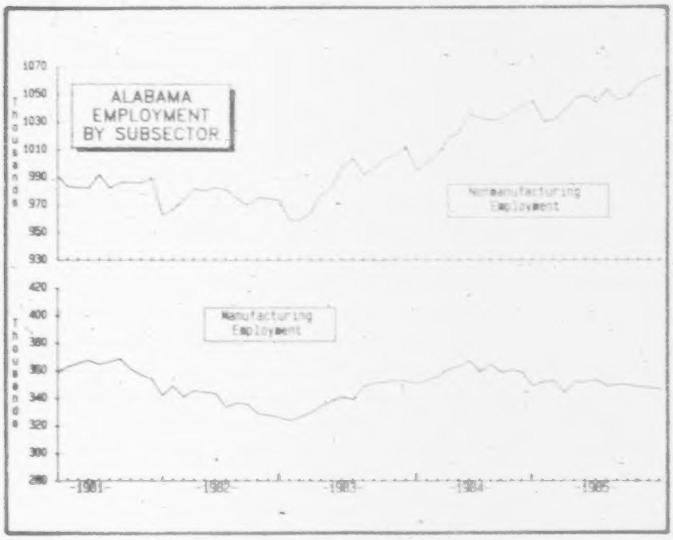

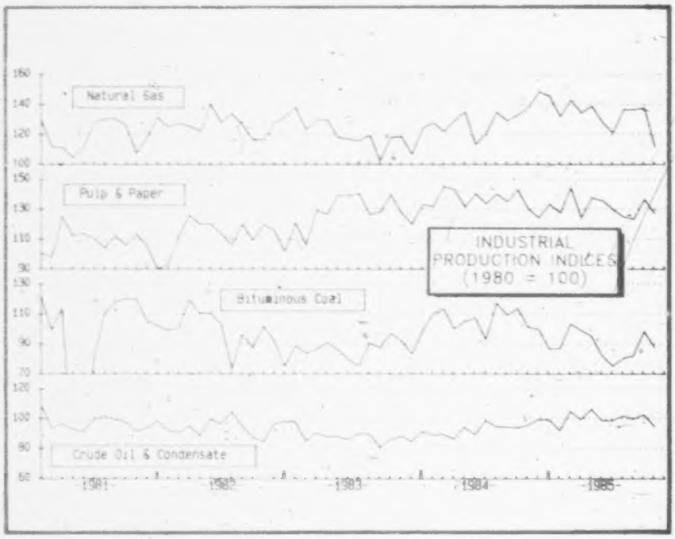

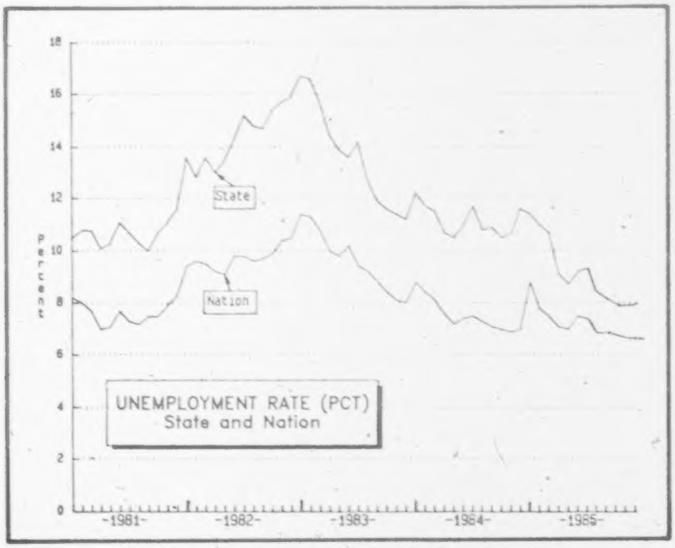

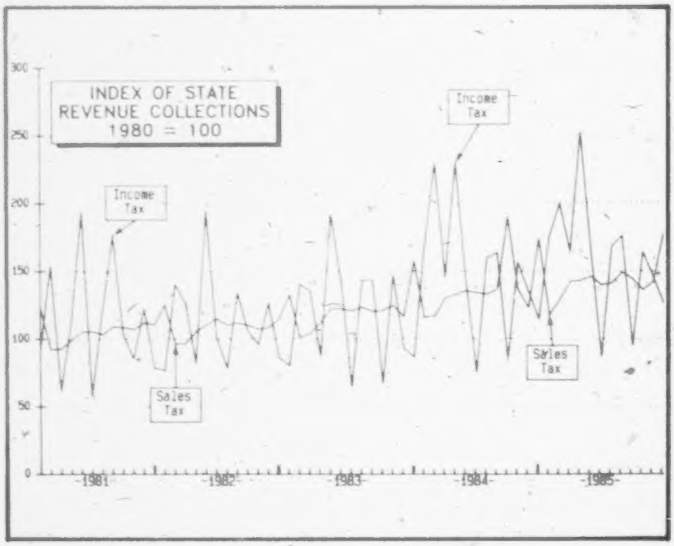

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,379
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	520	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,500	241,100	168,400	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,400	97,700	50,900	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800
Nonresidential	1,025,800	920,000	83,700	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,100	59,800	27,900	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	100	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043
Franchise	52,214	64,476	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,893	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282
Income	815,838	1,009,832	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199
Sales	609,132	704,299	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	66		13,643		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23	......	13,922	84
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346	......	3,719
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961
Use	66,519	75,723	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476
Utility	152,287	151,261	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6
Percent Change	3.3	4.3		1	2	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3
Food	291.7	302.9	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0
Housing	323.1	336.5	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2
Transportation	298.4	311.7	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2
Medical care	357.3	379.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.9	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0
Energy	419.3	423.6	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0	309.7
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4	325.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	....	....
Wholesale prices	330	322	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324	....	....	....	....
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,801.5	1,791.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3	1,808.0
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6	142.1
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	7.9
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7	1,665.9
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6	1,409.8
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3	348.0
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9	171.9
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8	27.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.8	25.3
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1	22.8
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.6
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5	28.0
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0	18.4
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4	176.1
Food	27.0	28.0	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.9
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4	36.5
Apparel	54.9	55.0	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5	47.8
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.6
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.4
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3	1,061.8
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.1
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.8	69.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6	72.2
Trade	273.3	290.3	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6	299.9
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9	73.8
Retail	203.1	216.7	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7	226.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4	66.4
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3	235.1
Government	292.7	293.8	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4	303.6
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4	64.1
State and local	227.3	229.1	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0	239.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	....
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	....
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200	16,160
	14.2	9.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390	36,040
	12.1	10.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.6
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480	12,360
	13.1	10.5	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7	8.3
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120	6,130
	19.5	16.6	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5	13.4
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480	16,620
	15.0	11.0	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.9
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750	4,630
	17.2	14.5	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6	12.5
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780	9,530
	17.4	13.8	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7	10.4
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070	48,220
	13.1	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9	7.6
Chambers	16,750	16,500	15,930	15,960	15,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250	16,250
	9.8	9.3	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6	7.5
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150	10,900
	15.2	14.0	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3
Chilton	15,530	16,180	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950	15,780
	13.1	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7	9.1
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890	5,940
	15.1	16.3	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1	11.8
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130	10,320	10,360	9,940	9,890	10,120	10,010
	16.2	14.3	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8	9.7
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580	7,560
	14.0	10.9	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1	7.0
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320	5,260
	12.5	10.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1	6.7
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180	19,880	19,930	19,890	19,680	20,270	20,020
	10.9	8.4	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.4
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140	23,060
	18.7	16.4	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5	11.6
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320	7,230
	12.7	11.8	[illegible]	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0	8.7
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850	5,840	5,900	6,000	6,140	6,280	6,280
	10.3	8.0	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.2	4.9
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,980	15,800	15,740	15,990	15,960
	12.2	9.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.8	8.4
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550	7,160	7,090	7,160	7,380	7,600	7,310
	12.1	11.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.1	5.8	6.2	7.1
Cullman	28,590	29,550	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970	29,780	29,260	29,580	29,710	30,210	29,890
	14.7	11.5	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.2	8.0	8.1
Dale	22,200	22,740	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310	23,220	23,220	23,100	22,990	23,320	23,230
	9.5	7.7	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130	23,130	23,570	22,940	22,870	23,220	23,030
	17.6	15.7	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.6	13.5	14.2	15.2	14.3
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740	30,900	31,210	31,560	30,870	31,060	30,650
	13.8	10.8	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.6	7.6
Elmore	20,620	20,770	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670	21,530	21,290	21,180	20,940	21,280	21,580
	12.2	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.8
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980	17,970	17,940	17,750	17,920	17,740	17,760
	12.5	12.1	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7	9.3	8.0	8.1
Etowah	42,290	42,610	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600	41,880	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,560	41,430
	17.4	13.4	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	8.8
Fayette	19,100	10,440	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480	10,330
	11.7	9.5	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8	10.1
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,310	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100	14,240
	18.2	18.6	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4	13.6
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150	11,880
	10.4	8.2	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.5	7.1
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680	4,570
	16.6	17.1	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8	11.1
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460	5,390
	16.5	17.1	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0	10.7
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,490	7,800	7,650
	11.2	9.4	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.7
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200	37,400	37,250	37,310	37,080	37,550	37,590
	11.3	9.0	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.8
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,080	19,060	19,120	19,230	19,180
	22.1	16.8	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4	11.8
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820	305,810
	13.1	9.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810	9,840
	9.7	7.3	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3	7.5	7.1	7.7
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400	34,440
	16.6	14.8	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.2
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290	13,070
	18.8	15.1	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7	12.5
Lee	35,870	38,470	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730	38,840
	8.4	6.5	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.6
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,180	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570	23,520
	14.1	10.8	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.8
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070	4,930
	17.9	18.3	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9	9.7
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480	8,410
	13.6	11.1	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8	9.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,270	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140	125,960
	8.5	7.1	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.4
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410	9,400
	15.5	14.2	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7	9.5
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220	13,150
	19.4	14.9	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.3	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4	13.9
Marshall	31,080	33,050	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140	32,890
	14.4	12.6	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.6
Mobile	162,590	164,730	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690	165,630
	15.9	12.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760	10,730
	12.6	16.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.8
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840	98,160
	10.5	8.8	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.8
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650	38,730
	14.5	11.5	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000	5,950
	14.8	13.3	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5	12.7
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250	7,120
	18.0	15.9	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1	12.8
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790	14,550
	13.7	10.1	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.1
Randolph	9,060	8,798	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930	8,960
	17.9	14.9	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1	7.4
Russell	18,120	19,290	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210	19,380
	13.7	12.9	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8	11.1
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260	19,280
	14.2	11.5	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710	31,940
	12.1	10.3	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060	6,930
	14.3	11.5	17.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3	14.0
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160	30,040
	17.2	15.8	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3	11.0
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200	17,340
	12.1	9.4	9.1	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.2
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220	60,780
	12.4	9.6	9.0	9.7	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.4
Walker	32,400	32,560	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110	32,100
	15.3	13.3	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4	7.8
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160	6,130
	20.9	18.1	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5	13.2
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330	5,280
	20.2	15.3	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.5
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970	8,980
	18.7	19.6	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.5	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3	21.5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,288	9,484	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,905,267	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	156,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	
New passenger car registrations (number)	122,393	141,896	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,653	306	329	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	321	302	302	277
General stores with food and gas		175	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	10
General merchandise		2,382	238	356	163	152	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	201	235
Apparel		568	52	77	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	41
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	49	56	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	46	44
Automotive		3,088	245	243	234	243	299	294	322	312	304	317	315	267	200
Gasoline service stations		296	23	25	24	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	26	19
Lumber and building materials		890	76	66	58	54	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	92	71
Hardware and farm implements		427	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	24
Eating places		1,293	107	119	99	96	120	114	126	127	126	134	119	119	97
Drug stores		264	21	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	21
All other retail		2,162	190	245	176	157	183	184	196	186	181	191	183	190	158
Total sales by retail concerns		15,741	1,357	1,590	1,213	1,154	1,396	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,404	1,471	1,399	1,363	1,198
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,614	214	238	180	173	210	225	232	226	234	238	234	234	187
Total all sales at retail		18,355	1,871	1,827	1,393	1,328	1,606	1,625	1,707	1,668	1,638	1,709	1,633	1,597	1,385
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,895	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749
Birmingham		5,033,827	424,831	489,933	387,394	372,395	446,876	448,719	473,477	451,745	442,246	468,449	450,263	437,979	391,721
Dothan		643,669	54,483	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,084	56,738	57,495	55,637	55,719	44,465
Florence		612,947	52,867	64,720	45,370	42,559	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,509	54,220	56,416	53,545	51,744	48,170
Gadsden		459,941	37,169	44,644	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832
Huntsville		1,049,552	92,206	108,891	78,977	76,406	92,394	96,418	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252
Mobile		2,100,894	175,335	203,964	158,053	149,407	179,120	183,708	191,013	195,200	191,252	190,041	180,097	180,525	141,705
Montgomery		1,429,917	124,805	146,166	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,191	131,213	131,622	128,694	129,148	126,121	120,937	109,429
Tuscaloosa		631,377	53,102	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,384	57,198	56,424	49,293
Counties															
Autauga		96,703	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,467	8,823	9,284	9,778	8,376	8,757	7,438
Baldwin		343,706	28,472	31,285	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,955	34,552	31,986	27,903	26,051	18,635
Barbour		71,583	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,224	6,144	4,813
Bibb		41,388	3,782	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,026
Blount		89,053	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,985	9,009	8,494	6,897
Bullock		26,077	2,337	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,012	2,006	2,032	2,025	1,672
Butler		65,570	5,515	5,859	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,246	5,642	5,179	5,159	5,213	5,165	5,101	4,508
Calhoun		507,895	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749
Chambers		107,006	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,486	9,283	8,997	8,964	7,956
Cherokee		47,907	3,800	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,450	4,354	3,111
Chilton		99,875	8,822	10,206	7,553	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,899	9,562	9,070	8,908	8,419
Choctaw		36,637	3,086	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,549	3,122	3,268	2,511
Clarke		98,651	8,799	10,078	7,890	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,023	9,217	8,927	8,162	7,291
Clay		26,368	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,216	2,214	1,528
Cleburne		22,200	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,956	1,447
Coffee		186,107	15,412	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,565	16,669	16,596	15,148	13,151

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249.984	20.498	23.870	17.424	17.180	21.211	21.965	21.924	21.518	21.704	22.142	20.856	19.843	17.145
Conecuh		37.533	2.973	8.633	2.746	2.682	3.251	2.992	3.239	3.118	3.052	3.237	2.887	2.822	2.839
Coosa		8.932	834	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	875	853	773	948	659
Covington		137.578	11.221	13.091	9.836	9.774	11.406	11.659	12.391	12.095	11.930	12.472	11.546	10.592	7.811
Crenshaw		30.988	3.291	3.160	2.540	2.513	2.983	3.015	2.910	3.269	3.176	2.916	3.132	2.784	2.110
Cullman		237.638	20.374	23.445	16.838	16.261	21.565	21.542	22.681	22.282	21.488	23.107	21.000	20.625	16.902
Dale		104.914	9.026	10.688	7.839	8.096	9.746	9.852	9.991	9.970	9.609	9.810	9.437	9.027	7,390
Dallas		199.200	17.232	19.683	15.424	14.214	17.042	17.820	18.137	17.796	17.567	18,571	17,017	16.221	13.992
DeKalb		180.388	15.829	17.568	12.341	11.474	15.327	15.933	16.935	17.224	15.754	17.357	16.031	18,965	12.239
Elmore		102.081	8.366	9.851	7.672	7.865	9.306	9.499	9.477	9.596	9.339	9.632	9.125	8,334	7.121
Escambia		141.761	11.884	14.710	10.568	10.415	11.979	12.681	13.122	12.931	12.201	11.595	11.158	11.195	9.531
Etowah		459.941	37.169	44.644	33.403	31.462	38.792	39.738	42.982	41.998	40.961	42.489	39.197	38,029	30.832
Fayette		64.918	5.081	6.390	4.372	4.575	5.231	5.214	5.427	5.876	5.769	5.669	5,663	5,351	4.200
Franklin		99.529	8.785	9.791	7.815	7.158	13.250	8.470	8.618	8.706	7.885	8.721	8.048	7.703	7,067
Geneva		144.828	12.646	13,673	11.379	11.286	12.082	12.236	12.694	12.515	12.394	12.329	11.935	11.916	10.800
Greene		18.310	1.399	1.481	1.232	1.117	1.374	1.481	1.475	1.459	1,478	1.554	1.485	1,312	1.027
Hale		31.290	2.510	2.713	2.497	2.190	2.692	2.723	3.027	2.761	2.720	2.782	2.747	2.601	2.153
Henry		35.727	3.225	3.684	3.330	2.853	3.001	3.192	3.068	3.215	3.116	3.488	3.342	3.047	2.124
Houston		538.755	45.457	53.083	40.215	39.659	45.310	46.215	49.192	46.114	47.129	47.685	46.200	46.692	37.075
Jackson		136.606	12.178	13.532	10.301	10.328	12.781	12.611	13.451	12.081	12.101	12.934	12.502	11.349	9.495
Jefferson		4.278.971	361.079	420.168	327.156	316.624	377.978	378.455	397.399	378.111	370.807	393.199	380.602	370.342	832.730
Lamar		37.982	3.154	3.282	2.803	2.453	3.255	3.212	3.298	3.672	3.217	3.330	2.832	3.042	2.484
Lauderdale		362.963	32.369	40.850	27.946	25.379	31.317	32.775	33.685	32.991	32.516	34.274	32.689	31.901	31.025
Lawrence		51.755	4.548	5.269	3.842	3.745	4.569	4.684	5.088	4.605	4.607	5.123	4.476	4.534	4.376
Lee		346.954	30.913	24.909	25.274	24.567	29.951	30.609	32.298	31.553	29.475	32.981	33.094	30.234	29,995
Limestone		161.477	13.969	15.810	12.216	12.240	14.795	15.123	15.756	14.585	14.717	16.252	15.054	14.213	11.276
Lowndes		16.854	1.411	1.773	1.426	1.573	1.768	1.613	1.840	1.959	1.822	1.869	1.984	1.711	1.445
Macon		45.136	3.644	3.989	3.685	2.942	3.448	3.639	3.705	3.647	3.711	4.049	4.082	3.911	2.913
Madison		1.049.552	92.206	108.891	78.977	76.406	92.394	96.418	101.014	96.619	98.534	104.214	97.590	94.467	85.252
Marengo		69.350	6.440	7.236	6.108	5.513	6.243	6.525	6.815	5.820	5.915	6.510	6.169	5.959	5.660
Marion		95.317	8.336	10.053	7.627	6.620	8.437	8.664	9.285	9.009	8.604	9.043	8.728	8.307	7,231
Marshall		339.443	29.526	33.463	25.122	24.668	31.308	32.866	34.684	33.447	33.776	34.822	31.968	29,983	28,352
Mobile		1.757.188	146.863	172.699	133.262	124.816	148.656	152.050	157.834	162.245	156.700	158.055	152.194	154.474	123.070
Monroe		102.802	11.558	10.934	6.099	6.070	8.350	7.895	8.402	8.463	8.285	10.498	9.221	8.323	10.024
Montgomery		1.231.133	108.190	127.058	92.534	90.140	107.596	105.637	112.269	113.203	110.071	109.738	108.620	103,846	94.870
Morgan		452.408	39.933	47.175	33.723	33.002	40.753	43.786	45.880	43.558	43.444	46.491	44.996	43,619	39.178
Perry		25.165	1.996	2.165	1.763	1.769	2.099	2.087	2.108	2.079	2.037	2.000	1,988	1.874	1.592
Pickens		41.346	3.300	3.777	2.796	2.870	3.507	3.683	3.872	3.895	3.600	3.900	3.456	3.283	2.393
Pike		96.768	7.793	9.022	7.434	6.627	7.741	7.677	8.760	8.621	8.132	8.962	8.749	8.472	6.406
Randolph		57.911	5.387	5.356	5.444	4.488	4.942	4.770	4.778	4.871	4.463	4.619	4.710	4.655	4.019
Russell		121.519	10.114	11.826	9.102	8.699	10.242	11.358	11.243	10.417	10.411	9.744	9.521	10.332	7.726
St. Clair		121.089	9.515	10.821	9.036	9.349	11.664	11.848	12.875	12.987	11.550	12.659	11.239	11.018	8.350
Shelby		253.358	20.998	21.848	21.142	18.077	20.107	23.064	24.195	23.615	23.974	24.194	22.165	22.154	19.809
Sumter		30.989	2.891	3.107	2.488	2.258	2.587	2.709	2.605	2.541	2.372	2.393	2.335	2.404	2.332
Talladega		240.169	20.106	23.681	18.175	17.542	20.426	21.411	24.626	22.264	22.947	21.564	21.117	20.659	17.315
Tallapoosa		127.461	10.768	11.807	9.525	8.760	10.598	11.150	12.391	12.114	10.983	11.879	10.682	10,634	10.138
Tuscaloosa		631.377	53.102	64.765	47.889	47.137	55.410	55.576	58.629	56.916	56.498	59.384	57.198	56.424	49,293
Walker		291.358	26.788	28.515	23.128	21.552	26,075	27.163	30.002	28.127	27.547	29.412	27.248	25.971	23.935
Washington		21.666	1.728	1.786	1.498	1.587	1.697	1.743	1.992	1.656	1.942	1.696	4.976	1.636	1.008
Wilcox		27.999	2.189	2.605	2.118	2.046	2.202	2.140	2.263	2.114	2.133	2.263	1.908	1.883	1.713
Winston		71.301	5.934	6.691	5.540	5.134	6.752	6.585	6.941	5.829	6.643	7.212	6.708	6.654	5.823
Statewide		874.246	86.274	107.287	79.777	65.082	81.513	81.434	83.493	90.959	85.441	93.175	89.529	91.655	77.730
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1.079.085	1.258.032	95.153	105.139	60.083	65.750	123.177	108.071	116.575	94.168	108.400	119.196	102.688	113.685	96.748
Residential	449.881	436.383	36.582	29.874	25.889	28.712	45.287	52.029	51.647	42.696	40.234	39.678	47.802	40.909	41.140
Nonresidential	366.127	586.743	36.821	68.040	21.592	24.887	60.384	41.663	43.334	37.414	49.934	59.520	35.358	51.625	39.720
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4.848	8.869	668	611	659	621	826	844	758	763	878	848	812	774	600
Residential	3.593	3.530	256	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	257	192
Nonresidential	932	1.213	93	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104	104	97	97
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213.343	104.141	12.360	13.105	5.535	11.358	14.508	10.021	33.770	8.956	14.621	29.355	8.486	17.571	17.607
Residential	31.921	15.598	963	802	773	1.241	1.301	1.615	6.609	4.665	2.706	2.412	1.776	944	568
Nonresidential	198.370	25.706	1.568	5.114	2.057	2.717	6.491	3.406	21.476	4.097	8.118	21.052	3.652	10.479	15.128
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14.095	18.028	1.720	1.476	1.444	1.133	1.939	2.051	1.895	1.621	2.039	1.965	2.368	2.255	1.443
Residential	7.340	11.596	1.052	897	814	570	1.138	1.189	906	700	882	816	894	904*	599
Nonresidential	2.156	2.744	294	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1.075	592
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18.943	17.520	2.461	1.458	967	886	830	2,986	1.484	8.242	2.347	1.196	7,230	6.904	843
Residential	7.760	6.718	1.405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427	527
Nonresidential	6.339	5.478	680	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7.714	1.562	278	6.132	5.938	13
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9.310	1.057	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2.719	1.113	256	671
Residential	2.006	2.129	128		56	103	462		126	303	12	97	187	47	90
Nonresidential	3.912	5.826	894	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1.183	676	37	177
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122.759	147.927	13.808	19.407	6.178	6.268	24.795	15.973	13.031	7.737	20.212	10.313	21.977	13.404	6.747
Residential	51.350	55.064	8.817	4.593	2.863	1.440	3.194	2.683	5.377	2.233	3.555	2.415	9.861	6.569	1.871
Nonresidential	45.128	73.370	3.266	15.945	2.668	2.755	18.064	11.107	5.444	3.647	14.893	6.506	10,682	4.445	2.831
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109.508	254.605	10.320	31.156	7.730	4.770	6.893	5,991	8.130	7.774	6.815	14.219	6.317	6.730	8.825
Residential	38.261	26.314	1.673	1.065	1.478	1.738	1.234	1.372	2.927	1.619	1,212	1.175	987	1.114	1.503
Nonresidential	49.663	197.690	7.264	28.688	5.120	2.165	4.458	3.185	2.775	4.835	4.213	11.741	4.211	3.812	5.675

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
—	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	84,862	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275	6,986
Residential	32,619	35,697	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875	3,234
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304	3,001
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,207	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834	1,754
Residential	6,391	7,172	181	726	331	177	704	606	328	578	592	749	696	874	486
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	[illegible]	12,150	248	51	379	442	388	453	186	570	396	98	730
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,197	7,002	309	312	36	109	184	73	237	69					
Residential	757	643	35		36	109	184	73	237	69					
Nonresidential	398	1,808	188	167											
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	31,109	34,459	3,118	3,759	1,420	7,366	3,676	8,403	5,621	3,169	3,196	2,557	5,965	3,978	2,040
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726	1,951	1,335	2,207	919	4,613	943	1,015
Nonresidential	11,227	10,707	864	2,029	100	2,903	493	876	2,896	462	324	367	502	2,309	268

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities area consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

New Additions to CBER Staff

Dr. Carl Ferguson, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members, Beth Gibbs and Ginger Shew.

Gibbs is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama with a master's degree in Consumer Economics and a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. She is a Research Assistant with CBER and the Alabama State Data Center. Her responsibilities include editing the ASDC newsletter and handling public requests.

Shew is also a recent graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is a Research Assistant and editor of *Alabama Business* as well as other CBER publications.

Dr. Ferguson would also like to announce the addition of demographer, James C. Raymondo who joined the staff in August 1985 and Sunny Park who joined the staff in June 1985.

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The Economy in Perspective:
Focus on the Textile Industry

Textile manufacturers produce such things as broad-woven fabrics (bolts of cloth), narrow-woven fabrics (rickrack, ribbon, webbing, etc.) and cord, twine, and nets. Knitting mills, carpet mills and yarn mills also are in this category. Alabama has many medium-size textile firms with employment between twenty and seventy-five people as well as several large firms with hundreds of employees.

The textile industry has a long history in the South. Traditionally it has drawn on a primarily female labor force which was not well educated. The industry pays low wages and is not heavily unionized.

In 1985, output from the textile mill industry represented 2.6 percent of Alabama's Gross State Product (GSP). This share should erode over the decade, falling slightly to about 2.3 percent of GSP by 1990. Nationally, textiles accounted for only 0.7 percent of Gross National Product. Thus, the textile industry is much more important to Alabama's economy than it is to the national economy. Good years for the industry in Alabama will see 5 percent growth and lean years will see the industry barely holding its own.

The Center for Business and Economic Research had forecasted that 39,700 Alabamians would have been employed by textile companies in 1985, but our estimate was probably too high. A better estimate is 36,400 people. The industry is in an employment decline and that decline will continue. During the balance of the decade, the number employed in textiles will decrease slowly but steadily. By 1990 only 35,000 Alabamians will be employed in this industry. Improving technology will keep the industry's portion of GSP at least even with its current position and in some years improving its relative position with other manufacturing industries. This can happen even with fewer employees. These 35,000 employees in 1990 will represent 1.9 percent of Alabama's forecasted 1990 total employment, whereas in 1985, 2.3 percent of Alabama's employed were working in the textile industry.

The textile industry historically pays a lower wage rate than almost all other manufacturing industries in Alabama. Only the furniture and apparel industries have lower average annual wages. In 1985, CBER forecasted the average wage for textile workers to be $16,600. Again we may have been too optimistic. The more realistic average earnings would probably have been about $14,800 for the year just past. Under CBER's optimistic scenario, by 1990 textile workers may average $25,000 annually. But because other industries will also be raising wages, textile workers will still be relatively poorly paid. Textile workers are paid less than the state average for manufacturing jobs and this trend is expected to continue.

Textile workers tend to be in low-skilled jobs with little room for advancement. But a recent study from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta indicates this may change. The study finds that automated equipment is expected to be substituted for many low-skilled workers. Although there will be fewer textile workers in the future, that work force will have a greater share of technical and professional people operating sophisticated machinery.

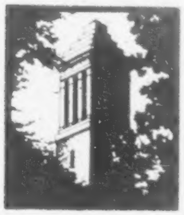
Alabama is not the only Southern state to depend heavily on the textile industry. Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina all have more textile employees than Alabama. Textile and apparel firms account for the largest number of industrial jobs in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, as well as the Carolinas. However, both Georgia and South Carolina pay slightly better wages in this industry. Nowhere in the South are textile workers' wages high.

Even though textile workers are not highly paid, their combined income in 1985 represented 1.5 percent of all wage and salary income in the state and 9.3 percent of all manufacturing income. The only manufacturing industries that have larger portions of total personal income are the primary metals industry and the paper industry, both of which have fewer employees but pay much better wages.

The outlook for the textile industry is for declining employment but continued relative importance to Alabama's GSP. The overall picture is of an industry that continues to hold its current spot in relative wages paid and relative share of total personal income. Alabama's small firms that lack the resources to improve manufacturing productivity and marketing may fall by the wayside. The Federal Reserve study predicts that small, inflexible firms face extinction. A mill closing in a small town is disruptive to the whole community, not only to the workers who must find other jobs. Most of the displaced workers must move elsewhere to find employment, meaning that local establishments experience a drop in business.

The textile industry in Alabama is sensitive to national and international developments. Imports, import restrictions and national production schedules, make a difference to communities and individuals in our state. The Atlanta Fed study finds some reasons for optimism if the dollar reaches more favorable exchange rates against foreign currencies. The researchers note that many emerging nations will require more textile products for their own expanding populations, broadening the domestic industry's export potential significantly.

—Annette Jones Watters



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The 1987 Consumer Price Index Revision

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the best known measure of inflation. It is one of the most closely watched economic measures because all of us are consumers, and movements in prices affect us directly. Furthermore, many government benefits, many wage agreements, and some real estate contracts are adjusted when the CPI shifts. Few other economic measures have the social and political importance of the CPI.

The CPI is maintained by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS began in the 1930s trying to measure price changes of a fixed market basket of goods and services of constant quality and quantity purchased for consumption. Revisions to the market basket have been necessary through the years for several reasons.

Changes in relative prices. Consumer demand for items is affected by national and global economic patterns. For example, energy consumption was affected sharply during the OPEC oil crisis of several years ago. Since then prices have declined but they never have and never will return to the low levels of the early 1970s. Prices for gasoline, motor oil, electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, bottled gas, and coal will continue to cost more than they used to relative to other goods and services.

Changes in real income. Another factor which can influence consumers' patterns is changing real income. If prices paid by consumers and their money income were to increase at the same rate, consumers' real income would remain unchanged. But our world is more volatile than that. An example is a married woman with small children who enters the labor force. The family's income rises, but the family's spending patterns probably also change. The family incurs additional expenses for transportation, baby-sitting or day care and perhaps the working mother's wardrobe.

Over the past decade the average size of families and households has become smaller. Economists have noted a decline in average money income in constant dollars between 1972 and 1981 for households and families, but a real money increase per person over the same period.

Changes in demographic patterns. Population changes occur not only for the composition of families (generally smaller) and households (generally smaller) but also for the population as a whole (generally older). Moreover, consumption patterns are changing because of regional shifts in population. The South and West are growing faster than the rest of the nation. The revised CPI will show the greater influence of the Sunbelt in consumer spending and will note the changing household and family differences the nation is experiencing.

Changes in tastes. A more subtle phenomenon which contributes to changes in the relative importance of items in the CPI market basket is that tastes of consumers change. For example, health and physical fitness are more important now to Americans than in times past. People are spending money for sports clothing and equipment fees for recreational and fitness facilities, fresh vegetables and health foods. These changes seem not to be mere fads, but genuine changes in living styles. The CPI market basket needs to include these kinds of goods and services with greater emphasis.

Changes in technology. Technological advances have made cars more fuel efficient, have made home computers affordable, and have introduced home video equipment. Over time, the number of products available and the marketing strategies to promote them have made changes in people's purchasing decisions. The present CPI does not adequately reflect these changes, and the impending revision will correct that.

The Revision Process. The BLS made CPI revisions in 1940, 1956, 1964, and 1978. The 1940 revision introduced the concept of sample cities and items and the principle of imputation. The 1953 revision took three years to implement and was primarily a clerical operation. The 1964 revision included a much greater scope of geography and used a computer for the first time. The 1978 revision took longer than the previous revisions because it included the introduction of new approaches to the collection of consumer expenditures and a number of complex improvements and innovations in pricing for the CPI. The 1987 revision will take advantage of the latest in computer applications, statistical sampling techniques and the accumulated experience from previous revisions.

What may the lay person expect? The CPI relates to the expenditures of the civilian, noninstitutional, urban population of the United States. The urban population is defined as persons who live in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Alabama has eight MSA's encompassing 20 counties. The expenditures of persons in rural areas is not considered by the CPI. Whereas 81 percent of the U.S. population is urban, only 62 percent of Alabama's population is urban.

Even as it is measuring urban expenditures, BLS does not include every MSA in its calculations. Some, such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or Philadelphia, are never omitted. The rest of the country is divided into sampling units. Within these units some cities are included and some are not. The 1987 revision will show more sophistication in geographic sampling than previous revisions.

Currently BLS publishes several versions of the CPI. The CPI-U (All Urban Consumers) is based on expenditures reported by all consumer units in urban areas of the United States. The CPI-W (Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) is based on consumer units who meet requirements related to their employment. The CPI-U covers a much larger group and is used more frequently to discern the effects of changing prices.

BLS publishes these two different calculations for the entire United States and for four regions - the Northeast, North Central, South, and West. There is no CPI for Alabama, or any other state. There is no CPI for any city in Alabama. Miami and Atlanta are the only two cities in the South for which separate calculations are made. Starting in 1987 the frequency of publication for the Atlanta indexes will be changed from bimonthly to semiannual. Because they are based on smaller samples, the indexes for the South and for Atlanta are subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement errors than the national indexes. BLS strongly urges users to consider the use of the national indexes in escalator agreements.

The CPI is not a perfect tool for judging price changes. National and regional conditions are never exactly the same as local conditions. There are other ways to look at the question of inflation, but no agency measures the price changes within Alabama alone. Because the CPI is published regularly, has a long history, and is reputable, it is the most popular indicator.

The information for this essay was taken from an article in *Monthly Labor Review*, April 1985, by John L. Marcoot titled "Revision of Consumer Price Index is Now Under Way." Mr. Marcoot is the manager of the CPI Revision Program at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additional information came from an essay in the March 1982 issue of *Economic Leaflets* from the College of Business Administration of the University of Florida. That essay was by Hank Fishkind and titled "The Consumer Price Index." Releases from the Bureau of Labor Statistics provided still later information.

—Annette Jones Watters

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	......
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,444
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	......
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,029	24,250	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,832
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined (\$1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,500	168,400	248,900	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	160,000	256,000	241,700
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,400	50,900	83,800	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	68,800	88,800	69,300
Nonresidential	1,025,900	920,000	89,500	115,400	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,100	27,900	49,700	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* (\$1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529
Tax collections (\$1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,096	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174
Franchise	52,214	64,476	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,316	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,671	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159
Income	815,838	1,009,832	76,705	65,174	99,628	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,938	[illegible]	4,995	5,636	5,101
Oil gas privilege	39,645	70,183	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,641	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083
Oil gas production	17,290	17,331	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,171	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384
Sales	609,132	704,299	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765		13,643			13,200	446	12	13,639	23		13,922	84	
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,313	6,299	5,572	6,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104
Use	66,119	75,733	931	18,660	882	348	17,614	344	622	17,939	834	724	18,143	1,476	606
Utility	152,287	151,261	13,322	16,354	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4
Percent Change	3.3	4.3	.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2
Food	291.7	302.9	305.1	307.3	309.[illegible]	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2
Housing	323.1	336.5	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	[illegible]	392.1	393.3
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	201.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.8	202.6	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0
Transportation	298.4	311.7	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.8	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0
Medical care	357.3	379.5	388.5	391.7	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7
Energy	419.3	423.6	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.0	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	......
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0	309.7	310.2
Industrial commodities	315.7	320.6	323.0	322.9	322.8	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4	325.0	325.2
Purchasing power of the dollar U.S. (1967 = \$1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305
Wholesale prices	330	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324	326	327	325	323	322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3	1,808.0	1,801.0
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6	142.1	144.4
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.0
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7	1,665.9	1,656.6
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6	1,409.8	1,410.7
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3	348.0	346.7
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9	171.9	171.6
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8	27.6	27.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	9.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9	9.1
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.8	25.3	25.4
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.4
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.3
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1	22.8	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.6	18.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.3	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5	28.0	27.8
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.4	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0	18.4	18.3
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4	176.1	175.1
Food	27.0	28.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.9	29.9
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	36.9	36.8	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4	36.5	36.4
Apparel	54.9	55.0	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5	47.8	46.9
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9	20.9	20.8
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.4
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	87.9	1,025.1	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3	1,061.8	1,064.0
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.1	15.1
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.6	69.8	69.5	68.4
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6	72.2	72.4
Trade	73.3	290.3	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6	299.9	305.2
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9	73.8	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7	226.1	231.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4	66.4	67.0
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3	235.1	235.0
Government	292.7	293.8	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4	303.6	300.9
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4	64.1	64.2
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0	239.5	236.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207 309	212 083	13 391	21 285	16 261	18 276	17 001	19 428	21 102	24 409	22 672	20 083	21 372	16 976	14,252
Nonagricultural placements	91 100	97 761	4 876	5 229	4 821	6 204	6 961	7 951	6 768	18 232	10 137	8 656	8 125	6 365	5,359
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428 181	435 832	41 032	74 659	34 635	32 416	29 881	29 414	23 918	46 997	28 338	24 075	29 599	26 116	40,641
Payments ($1,000)	191 868	172 593	16 158	21 274	16 520	15 977	13 782	14 095	11 623	15 248	13 254	11 401	13 545	12 042	14,151
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15 590	15 670	15 920	15 910	15 880	15 910	16 000	16 150	15 880	15 900	15 910	15 870	16 200	16 160	15,920
	14.2	9.6	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1	6.6
Baldwin	34 220	35 520	37 380	35 550	35 830	37 120	36 270	35 530	35 770	35 870	35 160	35 060	35 390	36 040	36,050
	12.1	10.9	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.6	8.1
Barbour	11 990	12 220	12 200	11 930	11 950	12 450	12 190	12 280	12 090	12 210	12 140	12 320	12 480	12 360	12,110
	13.1	10.5	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7	8.3	7.8
Bibb	5 960	6 240	6 210	6 210	6 190	6 150	6 170	6 280	6 330	6 230	6 310	6 080	6 120	6 130	6,140
	19.5	16.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5	13.4	14.3
Blount	16 860	16 760	16 990	17 070	16 620	16 572	16 640	16 720	16 450	16 500	16 280	16 350	16 480	16 620	16,640
	15.0	11.0	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.5	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.7
Bullock	4 600	4 520	4 500	4 330	4 350	4 310	4 490	4 640	4 630	4,570	4 570	4 670	4 750	4 630	4,450
	17.2	14.5	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6	12.5	14.7
Butler	9 790	9 800	9 650	9 560	9 560	9 660	9 550	9 610	9 700	9 610	9 530	9 590	9 780	9 530	9,390
	17.4	15.8	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7	10.4	9.7
Calhoun	46 220	47 500	48 020	47 960	48 150	47 830	47 930	47 910	48 230	48 350	48 220	47 730	48 070	48 220	48,160
	13.1	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.7
Chambers	16 750	16 500	15 980	16 050	16 340	16 240	16 570	16 160	16 340	16 380	16 180	16 420	16 250	16 250	16,190
	9.8	9.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.7
Cherokee	11 500	11 670	11 080	11 000	11 090	11 010	11 150	11 300	11 020	11 000	10 900	11 040	11 150	10 900	10,400
	15.2	14.0	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.8
Chilton	15 530	16 180	15 520	15 840	15 780	15 730	16,040	15 900	15 810	15 560	15 810	15 870	15 950	15 780	15,560
	13.1	11.3	12.6	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7	9.1	9.3
Choctaw	5 510	5 790	5 880	5 780	5 870	6 080	5 880	5 840	5 840	5 790	5 690	5 840	5 890	5 940	5,900
	15.1	16.3	22.9	16.1	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1	11.8	11.2
Clarke	10 750	10 830	10 550	10 420	10 560	10 370	10 240	10 130	10 320	10 360	9 940	9 890	10 120	10 010	10,060
	16.2	14.3	18.7	11.5	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8	9.7	10.9
Clay	7 360	7 580	7 590	7 530	7 360	7 600	7 370	7 600	7 470	7 450	7 490	7 470	7 580	7 560	7,550
	14.0	10.9	12.8	15.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.3	13.1	12.3	9.4	9.0	8.1	7.0	6.7
Cleburne	5 180	5 250	5 310	5 340	5 380	5 440	5 530	5 340	5 330	5 410	5 210	5 150	5 320	5 260	5,270
	12.5	15.2	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1	6.7	7.4
Coffee	19 830	20 210	19 990	19 730	19 930	20 140	20 270	20 180	19 880	19 930	19 890	19 680	20 270	20 020	19,650
	10.9	8.4	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.2
Colbert	23 700	23 920	23 690	23 700	24 250	23 840	24 030	23 760	23 540	23 150	23 290	23 240	23 140	23 060	22,990
	16.1	16.4	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.9	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.5
Conecuh	6 870	7 210	7 650	7 280	7 290	7 580	7 340	7 310	7 270	7 220	7 300	7 180	7 320	7 230	7,170
	12.7	11.8	15.3	11.2	15.3	13.9	9.8	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0	8.7	9.0
Coosa	5 500	5 600	5 890	5 800	5 870	5 820	5 770	5 850	5 840	5 900	6 300	6 140	6 280	6 280	6,240
	10.5	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.9	6.6	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.5
Covington	16 300	16 370	16 360	17 060	16 680	16 440	16 380	16 560	16 170	15 980	15 800	15 740	15 990	15 960	15,690
	12.4	9.5	10.8	11.1	12.5	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.8	8.4	8.2
Crenshaw	[illegible]	7 460	7 440	6 980	7 060	7 330	7 460	7 590	7 190	[illegible]	7 180	7 380	7 500	7 310	7,010
	10.5	11.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.2	10.2	8.1	7.8	7.3	8.1	6.8	6.2	7.5	7.5
Cullman	28 590	29 050	29 470	29 720	29 840	29 500	29 720	29 970	29 180	29 280	29 590	29 710	30 210	29 890	29,460
	14.1	11.6	11.8	10.5	10.5	11.1	8.7	8.3	8.4	8.8	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.1	8.3
Dale	22 900	22 790	22 840	22 880	22 810	23 600	23 800	23 810	23 220	23 220	23 100	22 990	23 320	23 230	22,990
	6.1	7.7	6.6	6.8	6.1	10.1	6.6	6.1	6.1	7.5	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
Dallas	21 270	21 730	22 980	22 960	23 190	23 050	22 900	23 130	23 130	23 570	22 940	22 670	23 220	23 030	22,830
	[illegible]	16.7	16.9	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	12.5	14.1	17.6	13.4	13.2	15.2	[illegible]	14.6
DeKalb	29 870	30 300	30 030	30 170	30 530	30 880	30 860	30 740	30 300	31 210	31 560	30 870	31 060	30 650	30,540
	12.8	10.8	12.4	12.6	10.3	12.0	10.8	10.0	10.0	9.2	9.0	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.9
Elmore	20 600	20 770	20 810	20 860	21 100	21 200	21 200	21 670	21 530	21 290	21 120	20 940	21 280	21 580	21,550
	9.2	8.5	7.6	7.8	8.2	8.9	7.8	6.2	6.2	7.7	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.8	6.6
Escambia	17 440	18 110	18 040	17 910	17 810	17 990	18 110	17 860	17 870	17 940	17 750	17 920	17 740	17 760	17,940
	12.1	12.1	[illegible]	11.6	9.5	10.1	[illegible]	9.1	9.1	9.5	8.7	9.2	8.2	8.1	9.3
Etowah	42 290	42 830	41 870	41 270	42 210	41 870	41 960	41 690	41 390	42 130	41 930	41 590	41 540	41 430	41,410
	17.6	13.8	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	10.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.1	9.7	9.4	8.8	8.8
Fayette	10 100	10 440	10 440	10 510	10 500	10 620	10 540	10 480	10 250	10 060	10 110	10 220	10 480	10 330	10,150
	11.1	9.5	10.3	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8	10.1	10.4
Franklin	14 170	14 830	14 590	14 425	14 585	14 280	14 290	14 300	14 310	14 310	14 140	14 110	14 100	14 240	14,100
	19.2	18.6	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4	13.6	13.1
Geneva	11 360	11 740	11 560	11 620	11 660	12 260	12 010	11 960	11 660	11 480	11 630	11 810	12 150	11 885	11,680
	10.4	8.2	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	9.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.6	6.7	6.5	7.1	6.9
Greene	4 650	4 760	4 740	4 660	4 790	4 780	4 660	4 650	4 610	4 630	4 600	4 640	4 680	4 570	4,430
	16.6	17.1	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.1	12.7	11.8	11.1	10.9
Hale	5 340	5 480	5 480	5 290	5 320	5 340	5 340	5 440	5 260	5 340	5 280	5 300	5 460	5 390	5,200
	16.5	17.1	18.3	16.9	16.1	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.1	11.2	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.7
Henry	7 240	7 290	7 150	7 090	7 160	7 390	7 520	7 540	7 200	7 290	7 270	7 490	7 800	7 650	7,340
	11.2	9.4	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	6.9	9.1	9.7	9.5
Houston	35 860	36 540	36 620	36 730	36 800	36 940	37 280	37 200	37 400	37 290	37 310	37 080	37 550	37 590	37,120
	11.1	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.8	7.6
Jackson	20 880	19 790	19 840	19 240	19 350	19 520	19 730	19 430	19 130	19 080	19 060	19 120	19 230	19 180	18,890
	22.1	16.8	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4	11.8	13.0
Jefferson	302 570	303 510	301 180	300 140	301 670	301 150	304 610	303 290	302 540	305 030	303 050	302 540	304 820	305 810	307,600
	13.1	9.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.4
Lamar	8 860	9 340	9 460	9 520	9 620	9 600	9 680	9 610	9 770	9 850	9 800	9 740	9 810	9 840	9,700
	9.7	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.1	7.5	7.1	7.7	6.3
Lauderdale	35 050	35 608	35 060	35 300	34 980	34 750	34 730	34 510	34 580	34 910	34 510	34 400	34 400	34 440	34,490
	16.6	14.8	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.2	10.5
Lawrence	14 340	13 450	13 010	13 230	13 220	13 030	13 200	13 190	13 140	13 110	13 140	13 040	13 290	13 070	12,890
	18.8	15.1	14.3	15.3	13.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7	12.5	13.0
Lee	35 870	38 470	38 850	39 030	39 190	39 130	39 370	39 260	39 210	38 160	37 880	38 260	38 730	38 840	38,970
	8.4	6.5	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.6	6.7
Limestone	19 310	20 230	20 740	20 810	21 160	21 340	21 860	22 180	21 960	22 060	22 290	22 750	23 570	23 520	23,020
	14.1	10.8	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.8	8.0
Lowndes	5 190	5 090	5 070	4 890	4 920	4 950	5 030	5 040	4 990	5 250	5 180	5 000	5 070	4 930	4,850
	17.9	18.3	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9	9.7	9.7
Macon	7 950	8 150	8 210	8 220	8 340	8 380	8 470	8 560	8 410	8 340	8 450	8 500	8 480	8 410	8,310
	13.6	11.1	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8	9.8	9.6
Madison	109 350	117 780	120 830	122 530	121 450	121 250	122 770	122 590	123 540	123 080	124 130	123 450	125 140	125 960	125,400
	8.5	7.1	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.1
Marengo	9 800	9 720	9 930	9 530	9 520	9 830	9 520	9 560	9 480	9 590	9 450	9 330	9 410	9 400	9,350
	15.5	14.2	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7	9.5	9.2
Marion	13 700	13 580	13 750	14 000	13 610	13 440	13 450	13 190	13 300	13 530	13 170	13 210	13 220	13 150	13,180
	19.4	14.9	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4	13.9	14.1
Marshall	31 080	33 050	33 560	33 140	32 930	32 690	32 970	32 810	32 800	33 150	32 850	32 850	33 140	32 890	32,600
	14.4	12.6	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.6	8.1
Mobile	162 590	164 730	164 050	164 810	164 440	164 180	166 910	165 310	167 320	167 650	164 080	162 430	164 690	165 630	165,280
	15.9	12.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.5	8.8

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- ☐ Authority
- ☐ Bank
- ☐ Board
- ☐ Bond
- ☐ Business Incubator
- ☐ Certified Development Company
- ☐ Chamber of Commerce
- ☐ City Development
- ☐ College/University/Junior College
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Consultant
- ☐ Convention/Visitor Bureau
- ☐ County Development
- ☐ Downtown Redevelopment
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Enterprise Zone
- ☐ Entrepreneur
- ☐ Equity Venture Capital
- ☐ Federal
- ☐ Film
- ☐ Financial
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Foreign Trade Zone
- ☐ Foundation
- ☐ Geological
- ☐ Grantor
- ☐ Highway
- ☐ Historical Preservation
- ☐ Industrial Development
- ☐ Industrial/Research Park
- ☐ Innovation Technology Center
- ☐ International
- ☐ Labor
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- ☐ Mining
- ☐ Minority Business
- ☐ Occupational
- ☐ Oil and Gas
- ☐ Planning Commission
- ☐ Port
- ☐ Proprietary School
- ☐ Railroad
- ☐ Regional Development
- ☐ Resource Development
- ☐ Rural Development
- ☐ Small Business
- ☐ Soil
- ☐ State
- ☐ Technical School
- ☐ Tourism
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Trade
- ☐ Union
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Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760	10,730	10,680
	12.6	16.2	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.8	10.6
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840	98,160	98,330
	10.5	8.8	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.0
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650	38,730	38,730
	14.5	11.5	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3
Perry	5,650	5,820	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000	5,950	5,810
	14.8	13.3	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5	12.7	16.2
Pickens	7,510	7,080	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250	7,120	6,840
	18.0	15.9	16.8	12.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1	12.8	12.6
Pike	43,680	13,560	13,060	13,770	43,620	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790	14,550	13,480
	13.7	10.1	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.9
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930	8,960	8,830
	17.9	14.9	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1	7.4	7.5
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210	19,380	19,770
	13.7	12.9	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8	11.1	12.2
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260	19,280	19,310
	14.2	11.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.5
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710	31,940	32,050
	12.1	10.3	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0	6.0
Sumter	6,420	7,250	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060	6,930	6,750
	14.3	15.5	13.8	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3	14.0	12.8
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,840	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160	30,040	30,010
	17.2	15.8	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3	11.0	10.3
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200	17,340	17,260
	12.1	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.2	7.4
Tuscaloosa	56,510	58,150	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220	60,780	60,790
	12.4	9.6	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.6
Walker	32,400	32,560	33,630	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,370	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110	32,100	32,360
	16.1	13.3	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4	7.8	8.3
Washington	6,380	6,490	6,480	6,280	6,360	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160	6,130	6,130
	20.0	18.1	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5	13.2	14.9
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330	5,280	5,170
	20.2	16.3	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.5	12.2
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,500	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970	8,980	8,880
	18.7	19.6	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.8	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3	21.5	22.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	62,625	54,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,935	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs)	8,288	9,484	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,984	55,536	[illegible]	38,630	51,396	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs)	3,496	21,911	1,199	1,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile (1,000 tons)	[illegible]	38,790	3,262	3,151	3,163	3,028	3,082	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,898	3,372	3,109	3,126	3,344
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, commercial and industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	[illegible]	24,295	1,911	2,078	1,900	[illegible]	1,817	1,733	2,250	2,421	2,554	2,615	1,914	1,776	2,295
Gasoline sales (1,000 gallons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	136,773	[illegible]	[illegible]	167,821	[illegible]	153,625	166,020	166,206	149,828	160,169		
New passenger car registrations (number)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,948	12,933	10,948	
Taxable retail sales by kind of business (state totals) ($1,000,000)															
Food		[illegible]	[illegible]	309	292	311	309	314	325	316	321	292	302	277	......
General stores with food and gas		175	[illegible]	14	137	10	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	19	......
General merchandise		2,197	270	190	152	185	212	214	205	194	213	194	201	238	......
Apparel		568	71	38	38	51	51	58	42	44	52	48	47	41	......
Furniture, household, etc.		544	58	44	39	44	44	52	45	46	51	48	46	44	......
Automotive		3,058	243	224	243	290	294	323	312	304	317	315	267	200	......
Gasoline service stations		295	25	24	25	25	26	28	24	27	29	26	26	19	......
Lumber and building materials		890	56	58	64	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	92	71	......
Hardware and farm implements		427	31	29	29	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	24	......
Eating places		1,293	119	99	96	120	114	126	127	126	134	119	119	97	......
Drug stores		264	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	21	......
All other retail		2,162	245	176	157	183	164	196	186	181	191	183	190	158	......
Total sales by retail concerns		15,741	1,590	1,213	1,154	1,396	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,404	1,471	1,399	1,363	1,198	......
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,614	238	180	173	210	225	202	226	234	238	234	234	187	......
Total all sales at retail		18,355	1,827	1,393	1,328	1,606	1,625	1,703	1,668	1,638	1,709	1,633	1,597	1,385	......
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		587,895	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749	......
Birmingham		5,033,827	489,933	387,394	372,399	446,876	448,719	473,477	451,745	442,246	468,449	450,263	437,979	391,721	......
Dothan		643,669	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,084	56,738	57,495	55,637	55,719	44,465	......
Florence		612,947	64,720	45,370	42,559	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,509	54,220	56,416	53,545	51,744	48,170	......
Gadsden		459,941	44,644	33,403	31,482	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832	......
Huntsville		1,049,552	108,891	78,927	76,406	92,394	96,418	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252	......
Mobile		2,100,894	203,964	158,053	149,407	179,120	183,708	191,013	195,200	191,252	190,041	180,097	180,525	141,705	......
Montgomery		1,429,917	146,166	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,191	131,213	131,622	128,694	129,148	126,121	120,937	109,429	......
Tuscaloosa		631,377	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,384	57,198	56,424	49,293	......
Counties															
Autauga		96,703	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,467	8,823	9,284	9,778	8,376	8,757	7,438	......
Baldwin		343,706	31,265	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,955	34,552	31,986	27,903	26,051	18,635	......
Barbour		71,583	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,224	6,144	4,813	......
Bibb		41,388	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,026	......
Blount		89,053	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,985	9,009	8,494	6,897	......
Bullock		26,077	2,882	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,012	2,006	2,032	2,025	1,672	......
Butler		65,570	5,859	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,246	5,642	5,179	5,159	5,213	5,165	5,101	4,508	......
Calhoun		507,895	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749	......
Chambers		107,006	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,486	9,283	8,997	8,964	7,956	......
Cherokee		47,907	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,450	4,354	3,111	......
Chilton		99,875	10,206	7,553	7,852	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,899	9,562	9,070	8,908	8,419	......
Choctaw		36,637	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,549	3,122	3,268	2,511	......
Clarke		98,651	10,078	7,890	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,023	9,217	8,927	8,162	7,291	......
Clay		26,368	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,216	2,214	1,528	......
Cleburne		22,200	1,691	1,595	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,956	1,447	......
Coffee		186,107	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,565	16,669	16,596	15,148	13,151	......

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales: MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,984	23,870	17,424	17,180	21,211	21,965	21,924	21,518	21,704	22,142	20,856	19,843	17,145	....
Conecuh		37,530	3,630	2,746	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,237	2,887	2,822	2,839	....
Coosa		8,932	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	875	853	773	948	659	....
Covington		137,578	13,091	9,836	9,774	11,406	11,659	12,391	12,095	11,930	12,472	11,546	10,592	7,811	....
Crenshaw		30,988	3,160	2,540	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,910	3,269	3,176	2,916	3,132	2,784	2,110	....
Cullman		237,638	23,445	16,838	16,261	21,565	21,542	22,681	22,282	21,488	23,107	21,000	20,625	16,902	....
Dale		104,914	10,688	7,839	8,096	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,810	9,437	9,027	7,390	....
Dallas		199,200	19,683	15,424	14,214	17,042	17,820	18,337	17,796	17,567	18,571	17,017	16,221	13,992	....
DeKalb		180,388	17,568	12,341	11,474	15,327	15,933	16,935	17,224	15,754	17,357	16,031	18,965	12,239	....
Elmore		102,081	9,851	7,672	7,865	9,306	9,499	9,477	9,596	9,339	9,632	9,425	8,334	7,121	....
Escambia		141,761	14,710	10,568	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,931	12,201	11,595	11,158	11,195	9,531	....
Etowah		459,941	44,644	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832	....
Fayette		64,918	6,390	4,372	4,575	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,669	5,653	5,351	4,200	....
Franklin		99,529	9,791	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,706	7,885	8,721	8,048	7,703	7,067	....
Geneva		144,828	13,673	11,379	11,286	12,082	12,236	12,694	12,515	12,394	12,329	11,935	11,916	10,800	....
Greene		18,310	1,481	1,232	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,554	1,485	1,312	1,027	....
Hale		31,290	2,713	2,497	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,782	2,747	2,601	2,153	....
Henry		35,727	3,684	3,330	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,342	3,047	2,124	....
Houston		538,755	53,083	40,215	39,659	45,310	46,215	49,192	46,114	47,129	47,685	46,200	46,692	37,075	....
Jackson		136,606	13,532	10,301	10,328	12,781	12,611	13,451	12,081	12,101	12,934	12,502	11,349	9,495	....
Jefferson		4,278,971	420,168	327,156	316,624	377,978	378,455	397,399	378,111	370,807	393,199	380,602	370,342	332,730	....
Lamar		37,982	3,282	2,803	2,453	3,255	3,212	3,298	3,672	3,217	3,330	2,832	3,042	2,484	....
Lauderdale		362,963	40,850	27,946	25,379	31,317	32,775	33,685	32,991	32,516	34,274	32,689	31,901	31,025	....
Lawrence		51,755	5,269	3,842	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,088	4,605	4,607	5,123	4,476	4,534	4,376	....
Lee		346,954	34,909	25,274	24,557	29,951	30,509	32,298	31,553	29,475	32,981	33,094	30,234	29,995	....
Limestone		161,477	15,810	12,216	12,240	14,795	15,123	15,756	14,585	14,717	16,252	15,054	14,213	11,276	....
Lowndes		16,854	1,773	1,428	1,573	1,768	1,613	1,840	1,959	1,822	1,869	1,984	1,711	1,445	....
Macon		45,136	3,989	3,685	2,942	3,448	3,639	3,705	3,647	3,711	4,049	4,082	3,911	2,913	....
Madison		1,049,552	108,891	78,977	76,406	92,394	96,418	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252	....
Marengo		69,350	7,236	6,108	5,513	6,243	6,525	6,815	5,820	5,915	6,510	6,169	5,959	5,660	....
Marion		95,317	10,053	7,627	6,620	8,437	8,664	9,285	9,009	8,604	9,043	8,728	8,307	7,231	....
Marshall		339,443	33,463	25,122	24,668	31,308	32,866	34,684	33,447	33,776	34,822	31,968	29,983	28,352	....
Mobile		1,757,188	172,699	133,262	124,816	148,656	152,050	157,334	162,245	156,700	158,055	152,194	154,474	123,070	....
Monroe		102,802	10,934	6,099	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,285	10,408	9,221	9,323	10,024	....
Montgomery		1,231,133	127,058	92,534	90,140	107,596	105,637	112,269	113,203	110,071	109,738	108,620	103,846	94,870	....
Morgan		452,408	47,175	33,723	33,002	40,753	43,786	45,880	43,558	43,444	46,491	44,996	43,619	39,178	....
Perry		25,165	2,165	1,763	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,037	2,000	1,988	1,874	1,592	....
Pickens		41,346	3,777	2,796	2,870	3,507	3,683	3,872	3,895	3,600	3,900	3,456	3,283	2,393	....
Pike		90,768	9,022	7,434	8,627	7,741	7,677	8,760	8,621	8,132	8,962	8,749	8,472	6,406	....
Randolph		57,911	5,356	5,444	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,619	4,710	4,655	4,019	....
Russell		121,519	11,826	9,102	8,699	10,242	11,358	11,243	10,417	10,411	9,744	9,521	10,332	7,726	....
St. Clair		121,089	10,821	9,036	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,987	11,553	12,659	11,239	11,018	8,350	....
Shelby		253,358	21,848	21,142	18,077	23,107	23,064	24,195	23,615	23,974	24,194	22,165	22,154	19,809	....
Sumter		30,989	3,107	2,488	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,393	2,335	2,404	2,332	....
Talladega		240,169	23,881	18,175	17,342	20,428	21,411	24,626	22,264	22,947	21,564	21,117	20,659	17,315	....
Tallapoosa		127,481	11,807	9,525	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,391	12,114	10,983	11,879	10,682	10,634	10,138	....
Tuscaloosa		631,377	64,765	47,689	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,384	57,198	56,424	49,293	....
Walker		291,356	28,515	23,126	21,552	26,075	27,163	30,002	28,127	27,647	29,412	27,248	25,971	23,935	....
Washington		21,666	1,786	1,496	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,992	1,656	1,942	1,696	1,976	1,636	1,008	....
Wilcox		27,999	2,605	2,118	2,046	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,114	2,133	2,263	1,908	1,883	1,713	....
Winston		71,301	6,691	5,540	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,643	7,212	6,708	6,654	5,823	....
Statewide		974,246	107,287	79,777	65,082	83,513	81,434	83,493	90,959	85,441	93,175	89,529	91,655	77,730	....
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	105,139	60,281	65,750	123,177	108,071	116,575	94,168	108,400	119,196	102,688	113,685	96,748	68,900
Residential	449,681	438,383	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647	42,696	40,234	39,678	47,802	40,909	41,140	31,629
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	66,040	21,592	28,887	60,384	41,663	43,334	37,414	49,934	59,520	35,358	51,625	39,720	23,444
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	613	659	627	826	844	758	763	878	848	812	774	600	618
Residential	3,593	3,530	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	257	192	257
Nonresidential	932	1,213	76	111	73	96	110	104	95	104	104	104	97	97	97
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	13,305	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021	33,770	8,956	14,621	29,355	8,486	17,571	17,607	3,041
Residential	31,921	15,598	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605	4,665	2,706	2,412	1,776	944	568	624
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,492	8,406	21,476	4,097	8,118	21,052	3,652	10,479	15,128	1,138
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895	1,621	2,059	1,965	2,368	2,255	1,443	1,188
Residential	7,340	11,596	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906	700	882	816	894	904	599	580
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1,075	592	432
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484	8,242	2,347	1,196	7,230	6,904	843	1,724
Residential	7,760	6,718	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427	527	489
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7,714	1,562	278	6,132	5,938	13	635
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2,719	1,113	256	671	401
Residential	2,006	2,129		56	103	462		126	303	12	97	187	47	90	19
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1,183	676	37	177	51
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031	7,737	20,212	10,313	21,977	13,404	6,747	10,243
Residential	51,350	55,064	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377	2,233	3,555	2,415	9,861	6,569	1,871	1,349
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107	5,444	3,647	14,893	6,506	10,682	4,445	2,831	5,752
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130	7,774	6,815	14,219	6,317	6,730	8,825	3,410
Residential	38,261	26,314	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927	1,619	1,212	1,175	987	1,114	1,503	1,016
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775	4,835	4,213	11,741	4,211	3,812	5,675	1,214

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275	6,986	7,935
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875	3,234	3,609
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304	3,001	3,644
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834	1,754	884
Residential	6,391	7,172	126	351	117	704	606	328	578	592	749	696	874	486	273
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	12,150	48	51	379	442	388	453	186	570	396	98	730	165
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	312	36	109	184	73	237	69						
Residential	357	643		36	199	184	73	237	69						
Nonresidential	798	1,908	167												
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403	5,621	3,169	3,195	2,557	5,966	3,978	2,040	4,297
Residential	14,889	15,717	1,218	693	4,528	2,792	6,726	1,951	1,335	2,205	919	4,613	943	1,015	1,040
Nonresidential	6,277	10,707	2,029	100	2,933	490	676	2,896	466	324	367	502	2,309	268	2,433

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1976, and "Housing" data prior to January 1973 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be compared with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities area consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

New Population Projections To 2010

Preparations are currently under way for a new set of population projections for Alabama counties to the year 2010. The new projections will update and extend the previous set of state population projections which currently project county level population to the year 1990.

The new set of projections will be produced through a cohort component technique which is using a common factor, such as age, to group a population. The technique will use the three demographic variables of births, deaths and migration—the movement of people in and out of the selected area. Current plans are for age, race and sex specific projections of five year age groupings for all Alabama counties, and will extend from 1980 to the year 2010 in five year intervals.

Work on the new set of population projections is expected to be completed by late summer 1986 with publication sometime in the last quarter of 1986. An announcement will be made in ALABAMA BUSINESS. Persons interested in commenting on the current set of projections, or offering suggestions for those being planned are encouraged to write to:

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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Limestone County

Limestone County is located in Northwest Alabama bordered by the Alabama counties of Lauderdale, Lawrence, Morgan and Madison; Tennessee is to the north. Limestone County's largest city is Athens with a population of 14,889 as of July 1984. Athens has 31.4 percent of the county's population but the largest portion of the population, 30,183 or 63.7 percent, lives outside of any city limit. Limestone County has four other cities with an individual population of less than 1,500 each. Between 1980 and 1984 the population of Limestone County grew from 46,005 to 47,300, an increase of 2.8 percent. The county's population is expected to reach 48,000 during 1986, and 50,000 in 1995.

People in Limestone County are more likely to be white and live in rural areas, but are less likely to be college graduates than the state average. Eighty-five percent of the population is white (compared to 73.8 percent for the state), 14.3 percent black and less than one percent American Indian, Asian and other races. The percentage of people in Limestone County who live in rural areas (68.4 percent) is much larger than the percentage of the state (40 percent).

The educational attainment level for persons in Limestone County is lower than that for the state but the difference is very slight. Of the people 25 years and older in Limestone County, 30.3 percent have no more than an elementary school education, 19.0 percent attended high school but did not finish, and another 31.8 percent have a high school education. Ten percent attended college but did not finish and 8.7 percent have a college degree.

Fifty-six percent of the people in the county are between the ages of 19 and 64, the age group generally considered to be the working age population. Almost one fourth of the county's total population is school age, ages 5 through 18. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers make up 8.9 percent of the county's population and the remaining 10.6 percent are 65 years old and older.

Total employment in Limestone County is 18,341. Employment is divided into two main categories: proprietors, persons who work for themselves, and wage and salary employees, persons who work for someone else. Proprietors make up 16.5 percent of total employment in the county. Further breakdown shows farm proprietors make up 59.8 percent of proprietors and nonfarm proprietors comprise 40.2 percent. This is almost exactly opposite of state figures which show farm proprietors to be 40 percent and nonfarm proprietors to be 60 percent of proprietors.

Wage and salary employment in Limestone County is the largest sector of total employment. Government is the county's largest employer with 36.8 percent of wage and salary employment, followed by manufacturing, retail trade, and services.

The civilian labor force in Limestone County reached 27,040 persons in 1985 with 1,930 unemployed. The county's annual unemployment rate for 1985 of 7.1 percent was lower than the state rate and even the national rate. The 1985 unemployment rate was also the county's lowest annual rate since 1978. This rate showed a major decrease in unemployment since 1983 when the rate was 14.1 percent. However, early 1986 indicators have shown slight increases in the county's unemployment.

In 1980, per capita income for the county was $6,817. By 1983 it had grown to $8,541, which was slightly below the state average, but only 73 percent of the national average. The largest source of income for the county's population is government followed by manufacturing, as might be assumed because government and manufacturing are the two largest employers.

Most of the workers who live in Limestone County work there and most of the employment is concentrated in Athens. This is to be expected considering the county's largest manufacturing employers are located in Athens. Some of these are General Motors Corporation, making parts for cars; Country Skillet Poultry Company, processing poultry; Steelcase, Inc., making modular office furniture; Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Products, making thermostats; and Athens Lingerie Corporation, making women's lingerie.

Approximately one quarter of the Limestone County labor force works outside of the county. Most commuters drive to Decatur, Huntsville or elsewhere in Madison County.

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985												1986
	1984	1985	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,180	142,269	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	31,901
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,472	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,762	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,250	23,537	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,855,300	248,900	234,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400
Residential	1,232,400	1,196,800	83,800	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200
Nonresidential	920,000	1,079,300	115,400	124,000	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,500	49,700	26,700	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,887	6,529	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809
Franchise	64,476	69,838	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478
Sales	704,299	730,389	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	81,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617
2.2% Gross receipts	34,765	54,973	13,643		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23	-	13,922	84		13,957
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258
Use	75,723	79,253	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617
Utility	151,261	156,209	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.2	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Food	302.9	309.8	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6
Housing	336.5	349.9	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	358.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0
Transportation	311.7	319.9	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	328.2	324.0	323.9
Medical care	379.5	403.1	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2
Energy	423.6	426.5	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.7	310.2	309.0
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.9	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	325.0	325.2	324.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.316	.315	.314	.312	.311	.310	.310	.309	.308	.307	.306	.305	
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.323	.324	.324	.323	.323	.323	.324	.326	.327	.325	.323	.322	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,780.8	1,777.8	1,789.2	1,794.6	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	194.0	183.3	178.8	153.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	10.9	10.3	10.0	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,586.8	1,594.5	1,610.4	1,641.6	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,392.9	1,395.9	1,404.2	1,423.1	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	354.3	354.9	351.3	358.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	173.6	174.1	174.7	175.6	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	28.8	29.0	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.7	28.3
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.3	19.6	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	23.3	22.8	22.6	22.6	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8
Transportation	25.4	26.5	25.6	25.7	25.6	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.5	18.8	18.7	18.9	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	180.7	180.8	176.6	182.9	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1
Food	28.0	28.9	28.1	28.1	28.2	28.6	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.1	35.8	36.8	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7
Apparel	55.6	52.7	52.4	53.1	48.8	53.0	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	22.0	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	12.0	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,038.6	1,041.0	1,052.9	1,064.6	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	63.6	63.1	67.7	70.7	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	71.8	72.0	72.2	72.5	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9
Trade	291.3	303.2	295.9	293.6	297.0	301.4	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.6	313.9	307.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	74.4	74.3	75.1	75.8	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4
Retail	217.6	227.1	221.5	219.3	221.9	225.6	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.2	64.2	64.7	64.6	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	234.9	236.2	238.8	241.9	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0
Government	293.4	297.3	294.3	297.9	298.4	299.2	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0
Federal	64.9	65.2	64.9	65.1	65.3	66.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5
State and local	228.4	232.1	229.4	232.8	233.1	233.0	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985												1986
	1984	1985	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,020	15,080	15,130	15,080	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,970
	9.6	8.7	10.2	9.3	8.9	8.4	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	36,750	36,980	38,470	37,610	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,710
	10.9	7.7	9.2	9.1	11.5	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.6
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,170	11,110	11,640	11,250	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,260
	10.5	10.5	12.9	11.8	15.4	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1
Bibb	6,240	6,880	7,110	6,910	7,090	6,930	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,800
	16.6	12.4	16.9	14.0	10.6	9.9	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,560	17,050	17,070	17,130	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,240
	11.0	6.9	11.5	8.7	7.7	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,650	3,570	3,550	3,550	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,580
	14.5	16.4	18.8	16.9	14.8	14.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,080	9,090	9,150	9,040	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,690
	13.8	12.3	12.9	13.3	15.3	11.0	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	14.0
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,680	49,670	49,590	49,570	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,220
	11.3	8.9	10.6	10.6	9.8	8.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,500	16,780	16,670	17,170	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,800
	9.3	8.8	8.6	10.6	10.3	8.6	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	8,330	8,330	8,220	7,880	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,630
	14.0	14.8	19.8	19.7	20.0	15.5	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,320	15,110	14,980	15,080	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,340
	11.3	10.3	14.2	12.9	11.9	11.1	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,400	6,430	6,710	6,400	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,630
	16.3	14.6	15.1	15.0	21.2	12.9	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1
Clarke	10,630	11,040	11,090	11,210	10,860	10,880	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,110
	14.3	9.9	11.0	11.5	14.9	8.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,470	6,560	6,490	6,320	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,400
	10.9	11.1	10.6	11.0	14.8	10.3	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,750	5,780	5,910	5,940	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660
	10.2	9.1	10.5	11.2	13.5	10.7	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.1
Coffee	20,210	17,030	16,360	16,610	16,880	17,200	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,970
	8.4	7.2	8.6	8.5	8.9	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,360	24,720	24,690	24,850	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,140
	16.4	13.1	15.8	16.7	14.8	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,650	6,360	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,390
	11.8	10.8	12.1	11.0	14.5	10.0	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.7
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,600	4,440	4,580	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,820
	8.0	7.5	11.3	10.3	9.6	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9
Covington	16,370	17,130	17,590	16,980	16,990	16,990	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,680
	9.9	9.7	14.4	11.8	12.2	9.4	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,010	6,020	6,320	6,180	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,810
	11.0	9.1	10.8	10.6	17.0	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8
Cullman	29,550	30,430	30,210	29,510	29,800	30,470	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,960
	11.5	9.6	14.8	12.6	10.3	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,060	19,230	20,000	19,520	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,540
	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.6	11.5	7.3	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0
Dallas	23,130	22,310	21,840	21,900	22,010	21,840	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,460
	15.7	15.0	15.8	15.1	13.9	12.6	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	26,570	26,770	27,110	27,400	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,980
	10.8	10.4	13.7	13.0	12.5	11.3	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.4
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,200	20,550	20,650	20,690	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,550
	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,640	16,450	16,690	16,580	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,780
	12.1	9.9	11.2	9.4	14.9	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9
Etowah	42,610	42,220	42,020	41,670	41,730	41,820	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,840
	13.4	10.3	13.4	13.0	11.8	10.2	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.0
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,500	8,400	8,590	8,390	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,070
	9.5	14.4	16.7	15.4	19.4	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6
Franklin	14,830	15,050	14,640	15,120	14,910	14,920	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,820
	18.6	13.6	19.3	18.1	13.6	12.2	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,300	10,380	10,840	10,770	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,490
	8.2	9.5	11.2	9.4	23.6	8.9	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,900	3,960	4,210	3,780	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,630
	17.1	17.7	22.3	23.8	22.0	17.8	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,790	5,790	5,910	5,910	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,740
	17.1	11.3	14.2	13.8	12.7	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,440	6,450	6,700	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,680
	9.4	10.6	13.2	12.9	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.1
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,240	33,390	33,440	33,530	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,140
	9.0	8.4	9.3	9.1	9.5	7.8	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,600	20,570	20,770	20,780	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,320
	16.8	12.3	13.4	13.5	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	306,620	306,640	307,520	310,490	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	313,200
	9.8	6.9	8.1	8.0	7.1	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,620	8,750	8,740	8,830	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,640
	7.3	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	36,140	35,700	35,880	35,970	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,730
	14.8	10.8	14.2	12.8	11.4	9.6	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,320	12,280	12,140	12,610	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,460
	15.1	12.7	15.5	15.3	12.1	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,850	37,780	37,550	37,930	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,350
	6.5	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3
Limestone	20,230	27,040	25,170	25,410	25,980	26,510	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,340
	10.8	7.1	8.6	8.8	7.2	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,390	4,370	4,530	4,590	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,370
	18.3	14.0	17.2	17.7	16.0	15.8	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,190	10,300	10,380	10,410	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,360
	11.1	8.5	8.4	8.2	7.3	7.1	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9
Madison	117,780	117,770	116,500	114,870	115,240	116,440	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,200
	7.1	5.9	7.7	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9
Marengo	9,720	9,940	9,700	10,010	10,480	9,790	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,620
	14.2	10.7	12.5	12.8	16.9	10.4	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0
Marion	13,580	15,280	15,170	14,960	15,100	15,010	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,580
	14.9	13.8	19.6	15.6	14.6	14.1	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.8
Marshall	33,050	35,620	36,190	35,050	35,000	35,300	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	36,000
	12.6	8.6	12.6	10.8	9.1	8.0	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7
Mobile	164,730	166,730	163,780	163,240	164,220	166,340	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,820
	12.6	9.4	11.2	10.3	9.6	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985												1986
	1984	1985	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	9,100	9,050	9,570	9,010	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,930
	16.2	13.6	15.2	13.7	31.0	12.5	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	90,310	90,800	91,080	90,890	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,470
	8.8	7.2	8.5	7.8	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0
Morgan	38,870	43,370	42,690	42,350	42,770	43,540	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,770
	11.5	8.1	10.4	9.6	8.1	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,190	5,160	5,230	5,230	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,180
	13.3	13.2	20.4	12.5	12.1	10.9	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5
Pickens	7,080	6,970	6,700	6,840	6,750	7,000	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,740
	15.9	15.2	16.9	18.0	15.3	14.5	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,590	11,550	11,790	11,810	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	9,290
	10.1	8.0	9.2	8.7	8.9	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	9.5
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,790	8,800	8,760	8,720	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,020
	14.9	9.5	10.8	16.6	9.6	9.2	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.4
Russell	19,290	20,630	20,450	19,950	20,130	20,340	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,920
	12.9	10.5	12.4	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	21,190	21,020	20,850	20,570	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,670
	11.5	8.1	13.0	12.2	10.4	7.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5
Shelby	31,910	34,260	33,710	33,730	34,150	34,300	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,490
	10.3	7.0	8.4	8.3	8.2	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,100	6,100	6,150	6,210	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,960
	11.5	13.7	14.4	13.1	14.3	12.0	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,830	31,820	31,710	31,410	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	31,010
	15.8	13.1	17.1	17.3	15.1	12.6	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	17,980	17,840	18,000	18,130	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,300
	9.4	8.2	10.5	9.5	10.6	8.1	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	62,570	63,640	63,920	64,080	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,060	65,500	65,810
	9.6	6.8	8.2	8.0	7.6	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9
Walker	32,560	33,090	34,030	33,590	33,680	33,580	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	35,020
	13.3	9.9	15.1	13.9	13.0	11.5	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4
Washington	6,490	5,860	6,040	5,860	5,980	5,610	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990
	18.1	14.9	17.5	15.3	16.3	12.7	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,210	4,640	4,450	4,400	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,220
	15.3	16.5	14.3	24.5	16.2	14.8	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,670	10,760	10,510	10,510	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,640
	19.6	17.1	22.1	19.4	15.7	13.7	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362		64,445	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484		1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652			
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949		59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786			
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911		2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454			
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461
Gasoline sales* *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267		156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060		
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	141,896	153,540	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,093	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,633	3,652	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	322	302	303	303	241	
General stores with food and gas	175	187	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	14	14	
General merchandise	2,382	2,578	163	152	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	
Apparel	568	590	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	78	
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	544	580	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	58	
Automotive	3,088	3,394	234	243	299	294	322	342	304	317	315	268	235	250	
Gasoline service stations	296	311	24	22	25	28	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	25	
Lumber and building materials	890	963	58	54	77	88	91	91	90	91	90	92	86	74	
Hardware and farm implements	427	432	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	35	
Eating places	1,293	1,418	99	96	120	114	127	127	126	134	119	120	118	119	
Drug stores	264	272	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	
All other retail	2,162	2,228	176	157	183	184	196	185	181	192	185	191	191	255	
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,675	1,214	1,154	1,395	1,400	1,475	1,441	1,408	1,473	1,402	1,369	1,379	1,568	
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,667	182	173	210	225	232	226	234	238	235	234	227	250	
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,342	1,396	1,328	1,605	1,625	1,708	1,667	1,639	1,711	1,637	1,603	1,605	1,818	
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	538,955	37,455	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,606	45,740	45,528	49,266	47,317	44,650	45,399	51,443	
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,305,464	387,249	372,405	446,157	448,767	473,992	450,522	442,257	469,499	451,116	439,324	443,086	481,090	
Dothan	643,669	663,654	48,086	47,555	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,096	56,739	57,482	55,703	56,215	52,442	63,030	
Florence	612,947	641,033	45,381	42,559	52,468	54,740	55,618	54,523	54,234	56,419	53,609	52,040	54,877	64,565	
Gadsden	459,941	468,495	33,406	31,462	38,797	39,738	42,993	42,005	40,964	42,602	39,352	38,272	36,539	42,365	
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,141,084	79,006	76,407	92,397	96,421	101,025	96,624	98,541	104,243	97,734	94,787	93,711	110,189	
Mobile	2,100,894	2,174,021	158,398	149,417	179,120	183,709	191,019	195,245	191,352	190,157	180,565	181,378	172,692	200,969	
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,496,921	107,755	105,900	125,768	124,191	131,234	131,634	128,736	129,305	126,290	121,302	121,700	143,106	
Tuscaloosa	631,377	667,927	47,711	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,535	59,441	56,522	55,735	56,042	62,273	
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	103,150	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,467	8,823	9,284	9,778	8,388	8,782	8,084	7,256	
Baldwin	343,706	353,187	24,950	24,591	30,464	31,659	33,180	32,955	34,588	32,059	27,999	26,253	24,982	29,507	
Barbour	71,583	74,721	5,841	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,245	6,166	6,016	7,138	
Bibb	41,388	44,079	3,039	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,891	4,409	
Blount	89,053	100,536	6,954	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	9,116	9,025	8,501	8,599	9,131	
Bullock	26,077	25,440	2,176	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,008	2,036	2,040	2,064	2,619	
Butler	65,570	62,953	5,127	4,607	5,474	5,252	5,642	5,179	5,159	5,221	5,175	5,107	5,090	5,920	
Calhoun	507,895	538,955	37,455	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,606	45,740	45,528	49,266	47,317	44,650	45,399	51,443	
Chambers	107,006	108,615	8,275	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,487	9,291	9,033	8,987	8,901	10,145	
Cherokee	47,907	50,237	3,797	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,240	4,461	4,368	3,918	4,112	
Chilton	99,875	109,306	7,615	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,099	8,936	9,245	10,307	
Choctaw	36,637	38,557	3,174	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,562	3,145	3,311	3,200	3,501	
Clarke	98,651	106,248	7,992	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,023	9,266	8,951	8,188	8,674	10,071	
Clay	26,368	26,948	2,063	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,425	
Cleburne	22,200	23,613	1,638	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,655	1,715	
Coffee	186,107	190,306	13,756	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,565	16,685	16,638	15,255	15,317	17,741	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual 1984	Annual 1985	1985 Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1986 Jan.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,017	17,424	17,180	21,211	21,965	21,924	21,528	21,704	22,144	20,900	19,942	20,063	23,062	....
Conecuh	37,533	36,788	2,773	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,965	2,837	3,221	3,415	....
Coosa	8,932	10,133	784	770	807	798	877	914	875	654	774	992	800	888	....
Covington	137,578	137,080	9,894	9,774	11,406	11,659	12,391	12,178	11,963	12,474	11,562	10,665	10,782	12,332	....
Crenshaw	30,988	34,982	2,579	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,911	3,269	3,176	2,916	3,132	2,790	2,481	3,217	....
Cullman	237,638	249,819	16,840	16,262	21,567	21,542	22,681	22,282	21,489	23,107	21,004	20,671	20,824	21,550	....
Dale	104,914	113,505	7,871	7,896	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,270	9,461	10,604	....
Dallas	199,200	206,755	15,439	14,214	17,042	17,820	18,137	17,813	17,584	18,629	17,050	16,506	16,730	18,741	....
DeKalb	180,388	188,835	12,354	11,474	15,327	15,933	16,935	17,224	15,754	17,362	16,047	19,006	15,013	16,406	....
Elmore	102,081	107,555	7,729	7,865	9,306	9,499	9,477	9,596	9,339	9,643	9,154	8,419	8,214	9,314	....
Escambia	141,761	142,875	10,610	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,931	12,202	11,597	11,170	11,259	11,163	13,746	....
Etowah	459,941	468,495	33,406	31,462	38,797	39,738	42,993	42,005	40,964	42,602	39,352	38,272	36,539	42,365	....
Fayette	64,918	63,125	4,375	4,577	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,669	5,653	5,406	4,747	5,181	....
Franklin	99,529	103,864	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,081	7,752	8,314	9,001	....
Geneva	144,828	145,378	11,452	11,286	12,082	12,236	12,694	12,520	12,394	12,332	11,953	11,972	11,676	12,779	....
Greene	18,310	16,847	1,273	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,393	1,336	1,399	....
Hale	31,290	31,830	2,547	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,793	2,757	2,614	2,453	2,553	....
Henry	35,727	38,316	3,387	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,343	3,103	3,081	3,469	....
Houston	538,755	550,149	40,215	39,659	45,310	46,215	49,192	46,126	47,130	47,686	46,264	46,945	42,981	52,426	....
Jackson	136,606	145,712	10,325	10,328	12,781	12,611	13,454	12,088	12,112	12,950	12,509	11,418	11,832	13,304	....
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,476,503	326,844	316,624	377,259	378,503	397,914	376,885	370,817	394,393	381,333	371,423	373,071	411,437	....
Lamar	37,982	37,726	2,824	2,453	3,255	3,216	3,298	3,672	3,217	3,331	2,834	3,044	3,093	3,489	....
Lauderdale	362,963	392,016	27,957	25,379	31,257	32,775	33,694	32,995	32,530	34,275	32,709	32,128	34,814	41,503	....
Lawrence	51,755	56,393	3,842	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,088	4,605	4,609	5,123	4,494	4,549	5,064	6,021	....
Lee	346,954	370,862	25,274	24,557	29,951	30,509	32,315	31,557	29,500	33,022	33,137	30,513	32,972	37,555	....
Limestone	161,477	174,368	12,216	12,240	14,735	15,123	15,756	14,598	14,726	16,264	15,089	14,300	13,675	15,586	....
Lowndes	16,854	21,424	1,428	1,578	1,768	1,614	1,840	1,959	1,822	1,869	1,984	1,719	1,676	2,172	....
Macon	45,136	44,091	3,686	2,942	3,449	3,640	3,706	3,647	3,716	4,053	4,097	3,969	3,441	3,745	....
Madison	1,049,552	1,141,084	79,005	76,407	92,397	96,421	101,025	96,624	98,541	104,243	97,734	94,787	93,711	110,189	....
Marengo	69,350	75,751	6,154	5,513	6,243	6,525	6,815	5,820	5,915	6,513	6,196	5,980	6,322	7,755	....
Marion	95,317	103,803	7,648	6,620	8,438	8,664	9,285	9,009	8,637	9,064	8,775	8,436	8,989	10,238	....
Marshall	339,443	378,144	25,122	24,668	31,308	32,867	34,684	33,140	33,777	34,822	32,100	30,140	31,985	33,531	....
Mobile	1,757,188	1,820,834	133,448	124,826	148,656	152,050	157,839	162,290	156,764	158,098	152,566	155,125	147,710	171,462	....
Monroe	102,802	105,856	6,143	[illegible]070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,285	10,418	9,221	9,330	11,100	12,079	....
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,286,216	92,554	90,140	107,596	108,637	112,290	113,215	110,113	109,884	108,748	104,101	105,402	126,536	....
Morgan	452,408	512,900	33,723	33,002	40,753	43,786	45,887	43,558	43,449	46,605	45,045	43,722	45,358	48,012	....
Perry	25,165	23,743	1,793	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,037	2,004	2,043	1,879	1,815	2,014	....
Pickens	41,346	41,893	2,836	2,870	3,507	3,692	3,872	3,895	3,800	3,900	3,470	3,287	3,331	3,633	....
Pike	90,768	98,547	7,456	6,627	7,741	7,677	8,760	8,621	8,137	8,969	8,760	8,516	7,888	9,395	....
Randolph	57,911	57,995	5,473	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,712	4,676	4,623	5,570	....
Russell	121,519	122,301	9,105	8,699	10,242	11,358	11,243	10,417	10,411	9,802	9,546	10,358	9,675	11,445	....
St Clair	121,089	135,522	9,055	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,989	11,553	12,686	11,253	11,051	10,239	10,960	....
Shelby	253,358	272,163	21,240	18,077	23,107	23,064	24,195	23,616	23,975	24,068	22,249	22,335	23,578	22,659	....
Sumter	30,989	30,463	2,543	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,394	2,336	2,455	2,717	2,966	....
Talladega	240,169	254,602	18,194	17,342	20,426	21,411	24,626	22,277	22,950	21,681	21,150	20,693	20,472	23,380	....
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,061	9,555	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,391	12,114	10,983	12,040	10,890	10,677	11,361	12,539	....
Tuscaloosa	631,377	667,927	47,711	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,535	59,441	56,522	55,735	56,042	62,273	....
Walker	291,356	320,740	23,156	21,562	26,075	27,163	30,002	28,127	27,647	29,236	27,256	26,014	27,599	26,903	....
Washington	21,666	20,612	1,543	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,992	1,656	1,942	1,697	1,978	1,637	1,606	1,534	....
Wilcox	27,999	25,675	2,202	2,046	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,114	2,137	2,273	2,007	1,962	2,105	2,204	....
Winston	71,301	78,874	5,564	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,645	7,213	6,723	6,668	6,898	6,922	....
Statewide	974,246	1,062,699	79,926	65,082	83,513	81,434	84,242	90,966	85,441	93,183	89,571	92,510	97,891	118,940	....

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban-Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

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State Tax Collections in 1985

General sales and income taxes account for 70 cents of every tax dollar collected by state governments, according to a recent report from the U.S. Department of Commerce. But Alabama's tax collections differ from the national average in several important ways. Alabama depends much more heavily on selective sales taxes, notably public utilities, motor fuels, tobacco, insurance, and alcoholic beverages taxes, than the national average. Alabama's dependence on individual and corporation income taxes is lower than the national average. (See chart.) In 1985 state government taxes for the average American citizen amounted to $902, but only $727 for Alabamians.

More details can be found in **State Government Tax Collections in 1985,** GF85, No.1, available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. Your nearest depository library should also have a copy.

State Government Revenue by Type of Tax
Percent Distribution, 1980 and 1985

	-1985-*		-1980-	
	U.S. Average	Ala.	U.S. Average	Ala.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
General Sales	32.2	28.0	31.5	31.1
Selective sales	16.6	27.1	18.0	30.7
Motor fuels	6.2	8.6	7.1	9.3
Public utilities	2.9	7.8	2.3	8.3
Insurance	2.1	3.1	2.3	3.7
Tobacco products	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.4	3.2	1.8	4.7
Other	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7
Licenses	6.3	7.5	6.3	6.3
Individual income	29.6	24.3	27.4	21.4
Corporation net income	8.2	7.3	9.4	5.9
Other taxes	7.1	5.8	7.4	4.7

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Foreign Trade through the Port of Mobile

A November 1984 **ALABAMA BUSINESS** article reported 1983 data on import and export shipping through the Port of Mobile and through the other ports in the Mobile Customs District, in part as a way of drawing attention to the kinds of import/export data available through the Center for Business and Economic Research. The Bureau of the Census provides monthly data on shipments through the Mobile Customs District, which includes the ports of Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Panama City, Pensacola, Port St. Joe (in Florida), Gulfport, Pascagoula (in Mississippi), Birmingham, and Huntsville as well as the port of Mobile. The Census Bureau and other government agencies also supply a variety of regular annual publications relating to shipping and trade for the United States as a whole.

The figures for the Mobile Customs District "record the physical movement of merchandise from the United States to foreign countries, whether a commercial transaction is involved or not." Certain classifications of goods and shipments are excluded, but the data is broken down by country of origin (for imports) or destination (for exports), and by commodity. The figures do not reflect local consumption or production, but do indicate the kinds of commodities moving through the port facilities.

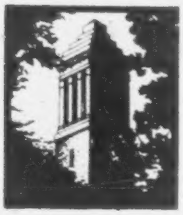
As noted in the previous report, the long run of crude petroleum as the leading commodity import through the Port of Mobile was ended in 1983, when the top spot was taken by chemical products from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. This performance was repeated in 1984 with $121.6 million worth chemicals passing through the port. These shipments, plus the movement of over $8 million in Scotch and Irish whiskey, helped the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland repeat as top importer in 1984. In second place came Venezuela with over $86 million in imports, mostly in petroleum-related products. Canada was third, chiefly on the strength of $64 million in iron ore and concentrates. In 1984, iron ore and concentrates took second place among all commodity imports, narrowly beating out petroleum related products from Venezuela and Mexico, which came in third.

Fourth place among importers in 1984 went to Brazil, which also claimed the fourth-place commodity, moving $42.6 million in non-beverage ethyl alcohol as well as $4.6 million in brazil nuts (not shelled). Imports of woodpulp and coal helped put South Africa in fifth place among countries. Imports of the fifth-place commodity, steel standard tee rails, were shared chiefly by the sixth- and seventh-place countries, Japan and West Germany.

On the export side, once again soybeans provided the greatest traffic of any commodity through the port. Over $122 million in soybeans was exported through the port in 1984, with more than half going to Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg and Mexico. Neither Romania, 1983's leading destination, nor the traditional leader, Japan, made the top three. Yet, among countries, Japan was still the leading export destination, with shipments totaling $62.8 million, due mostly to nearly $42 million in hardwood woodpulp. In fact, woodpulp–both hardwood and softwood–held the second and third positions among exported commodities. Coal, which held second place in 1982 and 1983, dropped out of the top ten. Altogether, wood, woodpulp and paper products held five of the top ten positions. Soybeans, yellow corn and unmilled wheat held three positions, and the other two were taken by synthetic rubber (sixth) and organophosphorus insecticides (tenth), headed mostly for Switzerland.

Among destinations for exports, West Germany was second with over $53 million, including nearly $18 million in synthetic rubber shipments. Led by shipments of soybeans and woodpulp, Belgium/Luxembourg and Spain were third and fourth, respectively. Over $14 million in insecticides and over $11 million in herbicides helped place Switzerland sixth among countries. Egypt took seventh place, led atypically by $8.8 million in cast iron soil pipe and $7.2 million in generator parts. Shipments (chiefly) of woodpulp, paper products and soybeans brought in Mexico, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom/Northern Ireland fill out the top ten.

—Edward Rigdon



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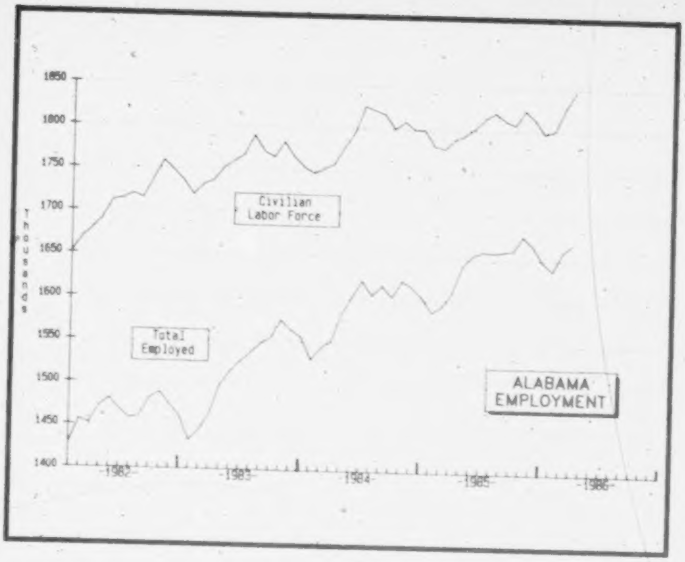
ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT
Civilian Labor Force
Total Employed
Thousands
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1750
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1650
1600
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1400
1982
1983
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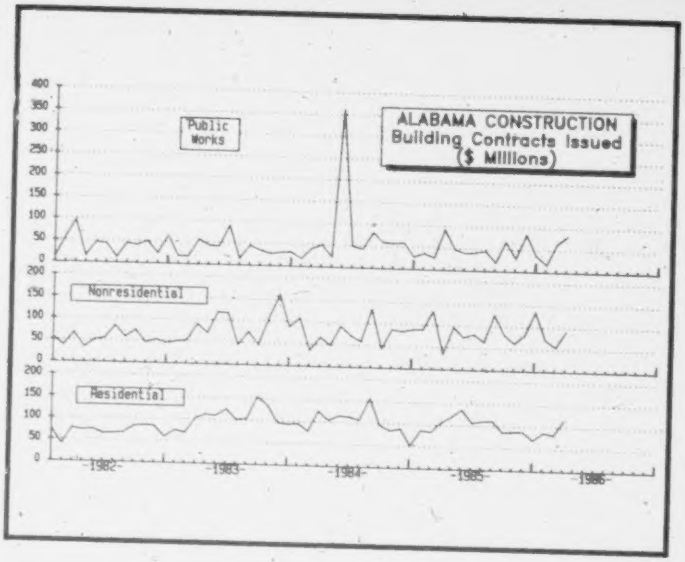
1985
1986


ALABAMA CONSTRUCTION
Building Contracts Issued
($ Millions)
Public Works
Nonresidential
Residential
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350
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150
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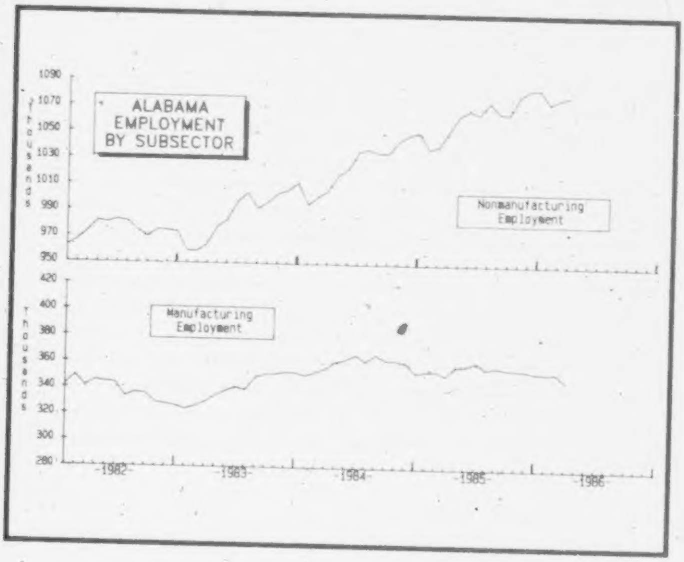
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986


ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT BY SUBSECTOR
Nonmanufacturing Employment
Manufacturing Employment
Thousands
1090
1070
1050
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1010
990
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950
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300
280
1982
1983
1984
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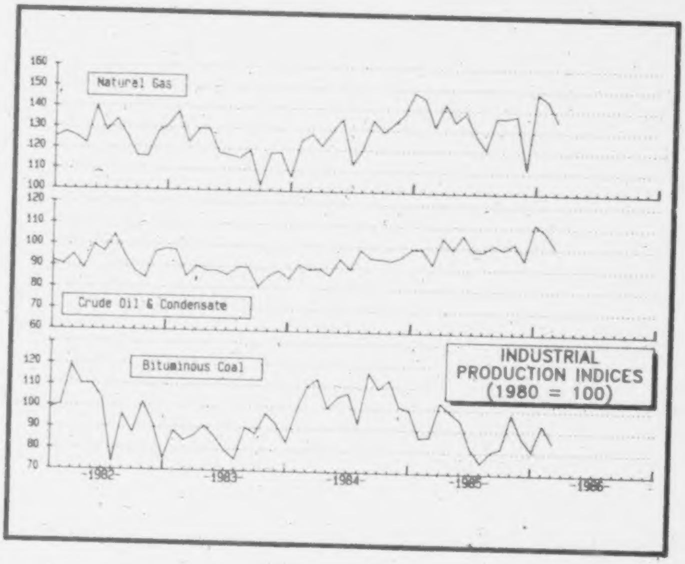
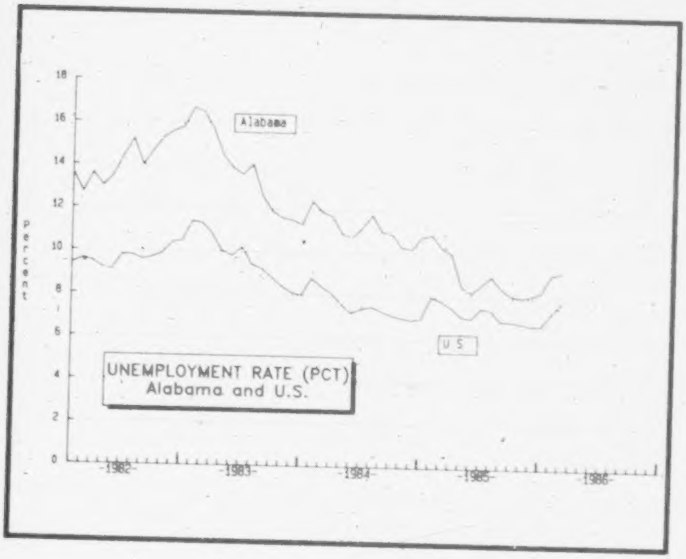
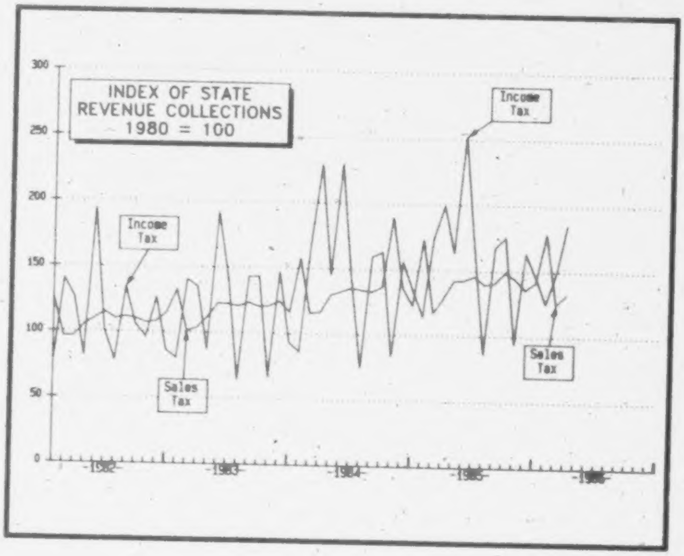

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICES
(1980 = 100)
Natural Gas
Crude Oil & Condensate
Bituminous Coal
160
150
140
130
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PCT)
Alabama and U.S.
Alabama
U.S.
Percent
18
16
14
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986


INDEX OF STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS
1980 = 100
Income Tax
Income Tax
Sales Tax
Sales Tax
300
250
200
150
100
50
0
1982
1983
1984
1985
1986

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,008	23,421	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,838
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,180	142,269	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,600
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,472	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,250	23,537	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,859,000	234,700	238,400	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900
Residential	1,232,400	1,200,500	83,900	110,600	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400
Nonresidential	920,000	1,079,300	124,000	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	26,700	93,000	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,887	6,529	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254
Franchise	64,476	69,838	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341
Sales	704,299	730,389	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661
2.2% Gross receipts	54,765	54,973		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23	......	13,922	84	......	13,957	1
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451
Use	75,723	79,253	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269
Utility	151,261	156,209	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	-.3
Food	302.9	309.8	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3
Housing	336.5	349.9	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	201.8	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1
Transportation	311.7	319.9	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2
Medical care	379.5	403.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3
Energy	423.6	426.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	309.0	304.7
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.2	324.0	319.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.321	.310	.315	.314	.312	.311	.310	.310	.309	.308	.307	.306	.305	.305	.305
Wholesale prices	.322	.324	.324	.324	.323	.323	.323	.324	.325	.327	.325	.323	.322	.324	.328
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	[illegible]	1,789.2	1,794.6	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	183.3	178.8	153.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	10.3	10.0	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,594.5	1,610.4	1,641.6	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,395.9	1,404.2	1,423.1	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	354.9	351.3	358.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	174.1	174.7	175.6	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.0	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.6	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.8	22.6	22.6	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8
Trasportation	25.4	26.5	25.7	25.6	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.8	18.7	18.9	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	180.8	176.6	182.9	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7
Food	28.0	28.9	28.1	28.2	28.6	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.1	35.8	36.8	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.1	48.8	53.0	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.4	21.4	22.0	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,041.0	1,052.9	1,064.6	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	63.1	67.7	70.7	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.0	72.2	72.5	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3
Trade	291.3	303.2	293.6	297.0	301.4	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	74.3	75.1	75.8	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9
Retail	217.6	227.1	219.3	221.9	225.6	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.2	64.7	64.6	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	236.2	238.8	241.9	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4
Government	293.4	297.3	297.9	298.4	299.2	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3
Federal	64.9	65.2	65.1	65.3	66.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5
State and local	228.4	232.1	232.8	233.1	233.0	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,848
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,080	15,130	15,080	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170
	9.6	8.7	9.3	8.9	8.4	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	36,980	38,470	37,610	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070
	10.9	7.7	9.1	11.5	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,110	11,640	11,250	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340
	10.5	10.5	11.8	15.4	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	9.2	8.1	8.1
Bibb	6,240	6,880	6,910	7,090	6,930	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990
	16.6	12.4	14.0	10.6	9.9	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,050	17,070	17,130	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680
	11.0	6.9	8.7	7.7	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,570	3,550	3,550	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590
	14.5	16.4	16.9	14.8	14.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,090	9,150	9,040	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830
	13.8	12.3	13.3	15.3	11.0	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,670	49,590	49,570	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520
	11.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	8.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,780	16,670	17,170	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160
	9.3	8.8	10.6	10.3	8.6	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	8,330	8,220	7,880	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,810	7,670
	14.0	14.8	19.7	20.0	15.5	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,110	14,980	15,080	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350
	11.3	10.3	12.9	11.9	11.1	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,430	6,710	6,400	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	5,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610
	16.3	14.6	15.0	21.2	12.9	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4
Clarke	10,630	11,040	11,210	10,860	10,880	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150
	14.3	9.9	11.5	14.9	8.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,560	6,490	6,320	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270
	10.9	11.1	11.0	14.8	10.3	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,780	5,910	5,940	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,080	5,660	5,650
	10.2	9.1	11.2	13.5	10.7	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4
Coffee	20,210	17,030	16,610	16,880	17,200	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220
	8.4	7.2	8.5	8.9	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,720	24,690	24,850	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470
	16.4	13.1	16.7	14.8	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,300	6,650	6,360	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480
	11.8	10.8	11.0	14.5	10.0	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,440	4,580	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850
	8.0	7.5	10.3	9.6	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3
Covington	16,370	17,130	16,980	16,990	16,990	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940
	9.9	9.7	11.8	12.2	9.4	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,020	6,320	6,180	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880
	11.0	9.1	10.6	17.0	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4
Cullman	29,550	30,430	29,510	29,900	30,470	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400
	11.5	9.6	12.6	10.3	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,230	20,000	19,520	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910
	7.7	7.4	7.6	11.5	7.3	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8
Dallas	23,130	22,310	21,900	22,010	21,840	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530
	15.7	15.0	15.1	13.9	12.6	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	26,770	27,110	27,400	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350
	10.8	10.4	13.0	12.5	11.3	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,550	20,650	20,690	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870
	7.7	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,450	16,690	16,580	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920
	12.1	9.9	9.4	14.9	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,670	41,730	41,820	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060
	13.4	10.3	13.0	11.8	10.2	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,400	8,590	8,390	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140
	9.5	14.4	15.4	19.4	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9
Franklin	14,830	15,050	15,120	14,910	14,920	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950
	18.6	13.6	18.1	13.6	12.2	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,380	10,840	10,770	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740
	8.2	9.5	9.4	23.6	8.9	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,960	4,210	3,780	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,780
	17.1	17.7	23.8	22.0	17.8	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,790	5,910	5,910	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800
	17.1	11.3	13.8	12.7	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,450	6,700	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790
	9.4	10.6	12.9	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,390	33,440	33,530	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480
	9.0	8.4	9.1	9.5	7.8	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,570	20,770	20,780	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700
	16.8	12.3	13.5	13.3	12.6	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	306,640	307,520	310,490	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270
	9.8	6.9	8.0	7.1	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,750	8,740	8,830	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760
	7.3	8.0	8.5	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	35,700	35,880	35,970	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560
	14.8	10.8	12.8	11.4	9.6	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,280	12,140	12,610	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590
	15.1	12.7	15.3	12.1	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,780	37,550	37,930	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180
	6.5	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6
Limestone	20,230	27,040	25,410	25,980	26,510	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700
	10.8	7.1	8.8	7.2	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,370	4,530	4,590	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420
	18.3	14.0	17.7	16.0	15.8	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,300	10,380	10,410	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420
	11.1	8.5	8.2	7.3	7.1	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5
Madison	117,780	117,770	114,870	115,240	116,440	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730
	7.1	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1
Marengo	9,720	9,940	10,010	10,480	9,790	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750
	14.2	10.7	12.8	16.9	10.4	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7
Marion	13,580	15,280	14,960	15,100	15,010	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550
	14.9	13.8	15.6	14.6	14.1	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,050	35,000	35,300	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110
	12.6	8.6	10.8	9.1	8.0	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1
Mobile	164,730	166,730	163,240	164,220	166,340	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200
	12.6	9.4	10.3	9.6	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	9,050	9,570	9,010	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970
	16.2	13.6	13.7	31.0	12.5	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	90,800	91,080	90,890	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020
	8.8	7.2	7.8	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8
Morgan	38,870	43,370	42,350	42,770	43,540	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010
	11.5	8.1	9.6	8.1	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,160	5,230	5,230	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110
	13.3	13.2	12.5	12.1	10.9	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1
Pickens	7,080	6,970	6,840	6,750	7,000	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900
	15.9	15.2	18.0	15.3	14.5	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,550	11,790	11,810	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970
	10.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,800	8,760	8,720	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130
	14.9	9.5	16.6	9.6	9.2	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9
Russell	19,290	20,630	19,950	20,130	20,340	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860
	12.9	10.5	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	21,020	20,850	20,570	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040
	11.5	8.1	12.2	10.4	7.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9
Shelby	31,910	34,260	33,730	34,150	34,300	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870
	10.3	7.0	8.3	8.3	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,100	6,150	6,210	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020
	11.5	13.7	13.1	14.3	12.0	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,820	31,710	31,410	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380
	15.8	13.1	17.3	15.1	12.6	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	17,840	18,000	18,130	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640
	9.4	8.2	9.5	10.6	8.1	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	63,640	63,920	64,080	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900
	9.6	6.8	8.0	7.6	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1
Walker	32,560	33,090	33,590	33,680	33,580	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650
	13.3	9.9	13.9	13.0	11.5	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8
Washington	5,490	5,860	5,860	5,980	5,610	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910
	18.1	14.9	15.3	16.3	12.7	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,640	4,450	4,400	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270
	15.3	16.5	24.5	16.2	14.8	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,760	10,510	10,510	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710
	19.6	17.1	19.4	15.7	13.7	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	72,680	79,539	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	......	......
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816	......	......
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	......	......
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	......	......
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	133,925	155,025	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	......	......
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,730	292	316	309	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	219
General stores with food and gas	175	188	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	152	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	167
Apparel	568	594	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	37
Furniture, furnishings, etc	544	587	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	47	43
Automotive	3,088	3,411	243	300	294	324	312	304	318	316	269	240	256	266	258
Gasoline service stations	296	313	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22
Lumber and building materials	890	988	54	77	88	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	77	76	70
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29
Eating places	1,293	1,427	96	120	115	127	127	127	134	120	121	120	121	114	107
Drug stores	264	272	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23
All other retail	2,162	2,288	157	183	185	196	186	181	192	185	193	193	260	178	158
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,809	1,155	1,395	1,402	1,477	1,440	1,405	1,475	1,405	1,374	1,393	1,673	1,313	1,147
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,676	173	210	225	233	226	234	239	235	235	229	255	208	186
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,484	1,328	1,605	1,627	1,710	1,667	1,639	1,714	1,640	1,609	1,622	1,928	1,521	1,333
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,348	36,099	43,384	45,088	47,608	45,752	45,552	49,284	47,349	44,722	45,822	54,233	41,785	37,066
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,352,498	372,422	445,783	449,611	474,122	449,680	442,333	469,650	451,658	440,657	445,900	523,433	423,824	359,989
Dothan	643,669	667,194	47,555	55,058	56,067	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,394	53,010	65,632	51,425	46,635
Florence	612,947	645,150	42,560	52,718	54,846	55,638	54,531	54,296	57,226	53,643	52,154	55,066	67,091	49,367	43,601
Gadsden	459,941	475,115	31,462	38,798	39,829	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,665	39,439	38,503	39,365	45,594	35,292	30,850
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,152,332	76,426	92,401	96,668	102,324	96,639	98,543	104,243	97,845	95,575	97,614	115,049	91,726	81,577
Mobile	2,100,894	2,186,269	149,426	179,146	183,732	191,056	195,323	191,443	190,639	181,009	181,906	173,926	210,265	171,543	144,803
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,508,326	105,910	125,777	124,193	131,269	131,853	128,798	129,377	126,594	121,679	122,264	152,857	114,849	106,282
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,824	47,137	55,427	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,448	56,548	55,808	56,236	67,800	55,005	45,998
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,892	7,895	8,868	9,055	9,467	8,998	9,284	9,787	8,396	8,828	8,127	9,715	8,734	6,414
Baldwin	343,706	354,356	24,591	30,464	31,660	33,180	32,990	34,635	32,213	28,227	26,339	25,229	29,878	25,274	24,186
Barbour	71,583	75,319	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,103	7,536	5,754	5,614
Bibb	41,388	44,115	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,907	4,429	3,469	3,393
Blount	89,053	100,619	6,793	8,053	8,189	9,006	8,906	8,266	8,996	9,029	8,518	8,714	9,195	7,965	7,023
Bullock	26,077	25,660	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,036	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,287	1,839
Butler	65,570	63,030	4,607	5,474	5,254	5,645	5,182	5,160	5,222	5,179	5,130	5,102	5,948	5,094	4,562
Calhoun	507,895	542,348	36,099	43,384	45,088	47,608	45,752	45,552	49,284	47,349	44,722	45,822	54,233	41,785	37,066
Chambers	107,006	108,782	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,955	10,233	8,603	8,077
Cherokee	47,907	50,288	3,422	4,136	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,936	4,120	4,229	3,579
Chilton	99,875	109,543	7,862	9,416	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,977	9,308	10,433	8,333	8,267
Choctaw	36,637	38,818	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,562	3,147	3,314	3,287	3,670	3,332	2,515
Clarke	98,651	107,096	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,257	8,727	10,582	8,598	7,479
Clay	26,368	26,959	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,436	2,346	2,056
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,654	1,584
Coffee	186,107	190,579	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,691	16,854	15,283	15,375	17,899	14,092	13,176

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985											1986	
	1984	1985	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,535	17,180	21,211	22,020	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,151	20,912	19,942	20,174	23,362	18,854	17,526
Conecuh	37,533	36,940	2,682	3,252	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,254	3,522	2,701	2,154
Coosa	8,932	10,186	770	807	798	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	892	741	664
Covington	137,578	137,576	9,774	11,407	11,659	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,566	10,743	10,866	12,595	10,734	9,701
Crenshaw	30,988	35,347	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,911	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,231	2,850	2,361
Cullman	237,638	251,203	16,26[illegible]	21,568	21,543	22,691	22,320	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,712	20,885	22,786	18,626	16,356
Dale	104,914	114,502	7,896	9,747	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,289	9,697	11,345	8,513	8,110
Dallas	199,200	207,678	14,214	17,042	17,820	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,693	17,211	16,604	17,257	19,821	15,651	14,166
DeKalb	180,388	189,717	11,475	15,327	15,933	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,161	16,061	19,076	15,100	17,445	14,308	12,773
Elmore	102,081	107,714	7,865	9,306	9,499	9,510	9,598	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,429	8,274	9,362	8,368	8,274
Escambia	141,761	143,154	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,598	11,176	11,276	11,199	13,963	10,516	9,285
Etowah	459,941	475,115	31,462	38,798	39,829	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,665	39,439	38,503	39,365	45,594	35,292	30,850
Fayette	64,918	63,272	4,577	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,661	5,415	4,768	5,279	5,225	5,183
Franklin	99,529	103,968	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,070	7,676	6,844
Geneva	144,828	145,560	11,286	12,094	12,236	12,694	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,978	11,981	11,690	12,880	11,474	10,764
Greene	18,310	16,874	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,414	1,341	1,336
Hale	31,290	31,983	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,793	2,757	2,615	2,460	2,698	2,473	2,367
Henry	35,727	38,385	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,343	3,107	3,103	3,512	2,827	2,606
Houston	538,755	552,692	39,659	45,311	46,215	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,313	54,287	42,912	38,525
Jackson	136,606	145,985	10,343	12,781	12,611	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,438	11,897	13,447	10,686	10,171
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,514,175	316,641	376,575	378,843	398,038	376,029	370,846	394,649	381,765	372,662	375,101	446,182	357,396	303,260
Lamar	37,982	37,788	2,453	3,255	3,216	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,521	3,155	2,890
Lauderdale	362,963	395,615	25,380	31,507	32,826	33,714	33,001	32,591	35,075	32,731	32,212	34,892	43,729	30,513	26,075
Lawrence	51,755	56,597	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,127	4,499	4,569	5,108	6,131	4,206	3,874
Lee	346,954	372,066	24,557	29,952	30,509	32,315	31,557	29,500	33,052	32,985	30,691	33,277	38,397	29,637	24,815
Limestone	161,477	175,854	12,240	14,806	15,124	15,756	14,598	14,726	16,264	15,114	14,390	13,790	16,830	13,973	11,900
Lowndes	16,854	21,609	1,575	1,768	1,614	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,004	1,747	1,715	2,236	1,571	1,622
Macon	45,136	44,325	3,025	3,461	3,640	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,076	4,104	3,982	3,463	3,806	3,967	3,491
Madison	1,049,552	1,152,332	76,426	92,401	96,668	102,324	96,639	98,543	104,243	97,845	95,575	97,614	115,049	91,726	81,577
Marengo	69,350	77,216	5,574	6,315	6,578	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,619	6,486	6,290	6,460	7,954	6,267	5,766
Marion	95,317	104,129	6,620	8,438	8,664	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,442	9,041	10,488	8,709	7,856
Marshall	339,443	380,735	24,683	31,309	32,867	34,684	33,143	33,589	34,721	32,107	30,424	32,437	35,649	27,495	25,531
Mobile	1,757,188	1,831,913	124,835	148,682	152,072	157,876	162,333	156,808	158,426	152,782	155,567	148,697	180,387	146,269	120,617
Monroe	102,802	105,895	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,285	10,418	9,227	9,332	11,109	12,101	5,997	5,581
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,294,720	90,150	107,603	105,639	112,292	113,259	110,175	109,940	109,043	104,422	105,863	133,780	97,747	91,594
Morgan	452,408	515,305	33,020	40,771	43,848	45,908	43,560	43,470	46,643	45,055	43,804	45,457	50,046	39,847	35,655
Perry	25,165	23,990	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,888	1,902	2,103	1,808	1,716
Pickens	41,346	41,946	2,870	3,507	3,712	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,290	3,338	3,647	3,288	3,121
Pike	90,768	99,045	6,627	7,741	7,677	8,760	8,625	8,141	8,973	8,767	8,535	7,926	9,817	8,486	7,452
Randolph	57,911	58,063	4,489	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,606	5,203	4,215
Russell	121,519	122,766	8,699	10,249	11,358	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,548	10,367	9,812	11,746	8,935	8,331
St. Clair	121,089	137,104	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,992	11,553	12,690	11,274	11,076	10,755	11,973	10,593	9,787
Shelby	253,358	275,079	18,077	23,111	23,064	24,195	23,617	24,013	24,068	22,294	22,358	23,644	25,398	22,554	18,322
Sumter	30,989	30,516	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,457	2,724	2,997	2,377	2,004
Talladega	240,169	257,463	17,342	20,431	21,411	24,626	22,277	22,970	22,236	21,582	20,788	20,603	25,003	20,032	17,025
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,182	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,395	12,114	10,983	12,040	10,890	10,689	11,391	12,614	10,315	10,321
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,824	47,137	55,427	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,448	56,548	55,808	56,236	67,800	55,005	45,998
Walker	291,356	325,521	21,562	26,380	27,667	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,685	25,316	21,597
Washington	21,666	20,662	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,616	1,552	1,639	1,481
Wilcox	27,999	25,866	2,047	2,222	2,140	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,967	2,183	2,305	1,995	1,682
Winston	71,301	79,442	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,645	7,214	6,723	6,682	6,958	7,415	6,182	5,524
Statewide[11]	974,246	1,075,269	65,001	83,709	81,535	84,466	91,102	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,939	98,261	129,695	85,118	75,359

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

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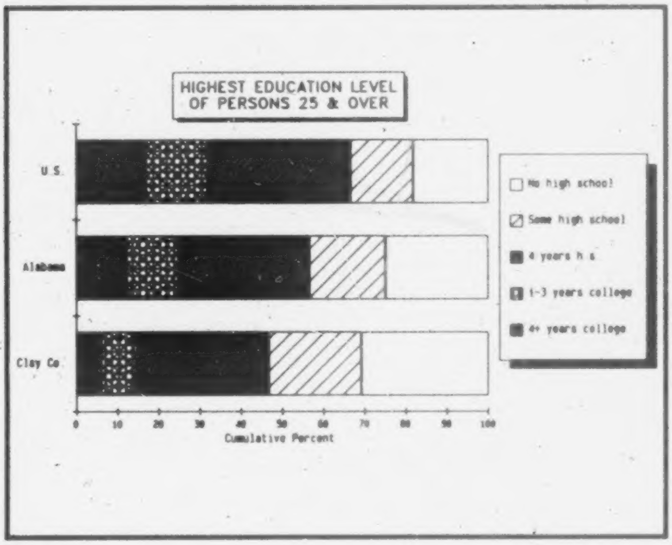
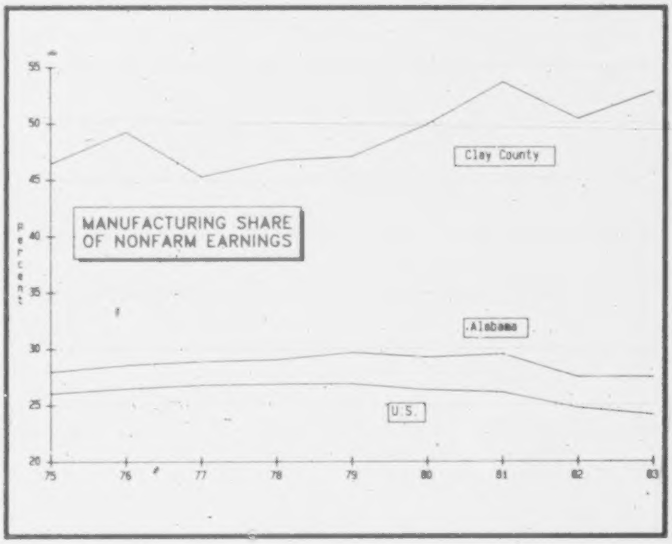
addition, forecasts show these sectors suffering relatively slow growth in the near future.

These statistics suggest rather strongly that a future of business-as-usual holds limited promise for Clay County. In his 1892 **Hand-Book of Alabama**, Saffold Berney wrote, "As yet, Clay County is remote from lines of transportation, but is rich in resources, awaiting development. Its mountains and hillsides are covered with valuable timber, and many of the useful and precious minerals, including gold and silver, tin and copper are to be found in the county." Today, nearly a century after those lines were written, Clay County is still untouched by major highways, much of its timber is under federal management, and the mines have petered out. To achieve a stable and prosperous future, Clay County must identify and develop new resources and diversify its economic base, while continuing to educate its citizens so that they will be ready for the challenges and opportunities that this restructuring will present.

Edward Rigdon





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The Economy in Perspective: Focus on Clay County

Located in the east-central part of the state, Clay County, like many others in Alabama (see, for example the portrait of Marion County in the February 1986, *Alabama Business*), adheres closely to the expected economic profile for a rural county. Entirely rural by Census Bureau standards, Clay County is the home of 13,610 persons, only one-third of one percent of the population of the state (1984 figures). Small towns, led by Ashland, the county seat (population 1,980), and Lineville (population 2,298), dot the eastern and southern two-thirds of the county, while a broad band along the western border is blanketed by the Talladega National Forest. "Rural," however, does not mean "farm." Only about 6 percent of these rural residents live on farms--a figure that applies to rural residents for Alabama as a whole.

Given its location in the middle of a triangle whose intersections are the Birmingham, Montgomery, and Atlanta metropolitan areas, Clay County is remarkably isolated. The county's borders are defined by Cleburne County in the north, Talladega County in the west, Coosa and Tallapoosa counties in the south, and Randolph County in the east, so that Clay County does not even border on any Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). No federal highways or interstates pass through Clay County. None of Alabama's great rivers or man-made lakes wind through the county. Except for the federal mandate to preserve the forested area in the west, Clay County has been left to define its own destiny.

As is true with most rural counties in this state, the people's local roots run deep. About 92% of the county's residents (in 1980) were born in Alabama, versus 79% of the residents of the state as a whole. About 62% of the residents of Clay County were living in the same house in 1980 that they had occupied in 1975 statewide, the percentage was only 53%. Thus, Clay County's population is somewhat more stable and settled than is typical in Alabama.

The county population is also somewhat older, poorer, and less well educated. Eleven percent of the state's population is 65 years old or older, but in Clay County the figure is 15%. More than one-third of the county's senior citizens had 1979 incomes below the federal poverty line. Three-quarters of Clay County's elderly did not finish high school--fewer than half ever started.

What is true of Clay County's senior citizens is true of the county population as a whole, if to a lesser degree. Per capita income in Clay County has continued to lag behind national and state averages. In 1983, per capita income in Clay County slipped to 78% of the state figure and to 63% of the national average. In 1979, 21% of the county's population was living below the poverty line. More than half of the county's adult residents did not finish high school. There is, nevertheless, a positive sign for the future. Of those persons 16 to 19 years old, 81% are either high school graduates or are still enrolled--only 19% of the county's soon-to-be adults have failed to finish.

Unfortunately, Clay County's rural character also shows in the distribution of sources of income in the county. The chief source of personal income in the county is earnings from work. Employment in Clay county is dominated by the manufacturing sector. In 1980, 49%--nearly half--of all employed county residents worked in manufacturing. When compared with a state average of only 21%, this statistic would ordinarily suggest that the people of Clay County are relatively wealthy, because manufacturing wages tend to be higher than wages in other sectors. Manufacturing employment, however, is dominated by the apparel industry, which is characterized by low wages, menial jobs, and managers that are hostile to unions. Workers in these jobs also face competition from foreign countries, where wages are even lower than they are in the rural South. Other manufacturers in Clay County include poultry and egg processors, a cabinet-maker, a tire- and wheel-manufacturer, and a number of small forest products firms.

No other sector comes close to the impact of the manufacturing sector on Clay County employment. Government, for the most part state and local, provided 14% of all jobs held by Clay Countians. The service and retail trade sectors each employed another 11%. As noted in the December, 1984, *Alabama Business*, many of those employed in these sectors find work in low-paying jobs, as sales clerks, clerical workers, or security guards. In

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985										1986		
	1984	1985	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,288	2,189	2,101	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,790	2,073	1,888	2,188
Natural gas production (1,000 therms)	[illegible]	142,369	12,608	11,845	13,250	11,290	10,667	12,013	12,034	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,277	11,916	13,164
Cotton consumption (running bales)	[illegible]	[illegible]	28,180	28,915	31,532	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,106	31,060	41,834
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	[illegible]	23,472	1,860	1,701	1,998	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,850	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kw-hr)	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,880	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,819	1,901	1,813
Pulp, paper and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	578	546	[illegible]	541	519	499	492	541	518	511	550	509	558
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts (repairs, new, and alterations combined) ($1,000)	[illegible]	[illegible]	219,400	[illegible]	290,300	230,600	200,200	258,900	231,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	221,900	299,400
Residential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	135,900	150,900	111,000	113,400	86,300	59,800	58,600	[illegible]	88,200	92,400	132,300
Nonresidential	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	90,900	65,600	127,100	79,800	62,900	87,600	136,000	72,200	65,100	104,100
Public works and utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	41,300	[illegible]	41,800	45,900	18,500	67,900	29,200	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,100	63,200
Cement consumption (1,000 barrels)	[illegible]	[illegible]	131	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	120	122	121	116	89	112	93	129
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,113	[illegible]	6,259	6,305	6,330	6,367	6,431	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,601	6,659
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	255,294	254,320	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	177,345	202,735	211,465	221,043	206,174	243,899	200,254	267,352
Franchise	[illegible]	[illegible]	11,294	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10,621	587	6,364	3,904	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281
Gasoline	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,838	17,230	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,461	19,086
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35,651	100,169	53,950	93,152	82,917	71,459	94,567	105,706
Motor fuels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,930	5,657	4,995	5,836	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869
Oil and gas privilege	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,460	6,474	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183
Oil and gas production	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,480	1,267	1,169	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,541	2,236
Sales	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	60,495	60,917	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925
State gross receipts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13,609	25		13,902	84		13,957	1	1
TVA in lieu	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,408	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,578	8,042	6,096	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799
Use	[illegible]	[illegible]	840	17,614	844	[illegible]	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	806	20,617	1,269	795
Utility	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13,141	13,460	12,120	13,059	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index (1967=100)															
All items	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0
Percent Change	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	-.3	-.5
Food	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	309.1	309.9	309.4	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4
Housing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	352.9	353.8	354.4	356.0	355.9	356.6	356.5	357.0
Fuel and Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	398.3	400.5	395.6	[illegible]	393.3	394.6	390.0	[illegible]
Apparel and upkeep	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	206.2	206.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3
Transportation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	329.9	[illegible]	324.0	323.9	[illegible]	309.6
Medical care	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	399.5	[illegible]	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	[illegible]	425.8
Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	433.4	432.8	427.1	[illegible]	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3
Producer Price Index (1967=100)															
All commodities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	309.2	309.0	[illegible]	305.9	308.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	309.0	304.7	300.3
Industrial commodities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	324.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	324.4	[illegible]	325.1	324.0	319.4	314.0
Purchasing power of the dollar (U.S. 1967=$1.00)															
As measured by:															
Consumer prices	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wholesale prices	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,821.8	1,812.1	1,807.7	1,824.7	1,811.2	[illegible]	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,801.6
Unemployment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	167.8	153.0	146.6	146.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	164.5	169.5	176.7
Unemployment rate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.5	8.4	8.1	8.0	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.1	[illegible]	9.8
Employment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,664.2	[illegible]	1,637.4	[illegible]	1,673.1
Nonagricultural	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,411.0	1,405.2	1,412.9	[illegible]	1,440.0	1,439.9	1,409.6	[illegible]	1,428.1
Manufacturing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	356.2	356.8	356.0	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0
Durable goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	173.9	174.0	174.0	[illegible]	[illegible]	173.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lumber and wood products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	28.8	[illegible]	28.4	28.2	28.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	28.0
Stone, clay and glass products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	[illegible]	8.9
Primary metals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	[illegible]	25.2
Blast furnace and basic steel products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	[illegible]	10.4	10.3
Fabricated metals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21.6	21.0	22.6	[illegible]	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0
Machinery, except electrical	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.6	20.0	[illegible]
Electrical and electronic equipment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20.8	22.8	22.9
Transportation equipment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	26.0	26.8	26.7	[illegible]	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.6	[illegible]	27.9
Other durable goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9
Nondurable goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	180.6	[illegible]	180.4	182.6	[illegible]	181.7	180.6	180.1	[illegible]	172.6
Food	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.3	29.6	[illegible]	29.3	29.4	29.5
Textile mill products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35.6	36.0	[illegible]	36.8	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6
Apparel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	53.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	53.0	[illegible]	51.2	50.5	50.9	49.9
Paper and allied products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21.2	21.6	21.4	[illegible]	21.5	21.4	21.8	21.4	21.3
Printing and publishing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.6	[illegible]	11.6	[illegible]	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9
Chemicals and allied products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.6	11.6	[illegible]
Rubber products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.6	[illegible]	16.6	16.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.8	16.8	16.9
Other nondurable goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	[illegible]	2.0	[illegible]	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mining and quarrying	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.8	[illegible]	14.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.0
Bituminous coal mining	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.5
Contract construction	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	69.6	69.9
Trans., comm., and utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	71.3
Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	308.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	307.2
Wholesale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.3	76.6
Retail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	230.9	[illegible]	231.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	66.9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	68.0
Services and miscellaneous	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	243.8	243.0	245.0	244.4	246.2
Government	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	289.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	301.0	[illegible]	305.7
Federal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	60.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	63.6	63.5	63.6
State and local	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	229.6	226.0	239.2	[illegible]	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1

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Macon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madison	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marengo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marion	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marshall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobile	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,994	249,895	21,211	20,826	21,924	21,530	21,795	20,169	20,925	19,943	20,537	21,369	19,039	12,717	18,857
Conecuh	37,020	36,981	3,252	3,028	3,209	3,416	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,844	3,259	3,522	2,701	2,538	2,306
Coosa	8,932	10,707	867	798	877	929	875	966	779	993	815	913	749	573	733
Covington	132,176	137,589	11,807	11,660	12,391	12,582	11,987	12,666	11,566	10,717	10,867	12,801	10,732	10,113	10,777
Crenshaw	33,969	35,367	2,980	3,021	3,016	3,270	3,177	2,922	3,131	3,096	2,852	3,237	2,858	2,440	2,936
Cullman	237,646	251,931	21,568	21,543	22,697	22,322	21,690	22,115	21,046	22,771	20,900	22,805	18,651	17,674	18,075
Dale	104,814	114,358	9,741	9,862	9,991	9,929	9,909	9,796	9,548	9,294	9,697	11,392	8,553	8,512	7,841
Dallas	199,200	207,808	17,042	17,820	19,148	17,819	17,613	18,696	17,218	16,648	17,369	19,905	15,718	14,337	15,666
DeKalb	180,388	189,769	15,327	15,933	16,897	17,204	15,754	17,102	16,761	19,085	15,105	17,482	14,333	13,137	12,731
Elmore	102,061	107,718	9,306	9,499	9,510	9,596	9,309	9,650	9,155	8,480	9,277	9,402	8,427	8,420	8,436
Escambia	141,751	141,962	11,979	12,661	12,132	12,002	12,203	11,906	11,170	11,270	11,204	13,069	10,668	10,022	9,969
Etowah	459,941	470,376	36,798	34,690	41,017	42,010	40,967	41,701	39,570	34,557	39,443	45,986	35,571	33,991	32,443
Fayette	64,918	63,274	5,251	5,214	5,421	5,806	5,769	5,660	5,062	5,416	4,768	5,279	5,250	5,195	4,395
Franklin	98,529	101,976	11,250	8,470	8,618	8,730	7,937	8,955	8,080	7,767	8,333	9,072	7,688	6,952	7,695
Geneva	144,808	145,340	12,094	12,249	10,449	12,520	12,413	12,236	11,979	11,981	11,496	12,865	11,466	10,719	11,006
Greene	16,310	16,890	5,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,355	1,908	1,305	1,345	1,430	1,360	1,391	1,373
Hale	31,296	31,961	2,609	2,717	2,927	2,761	2,725	2,594	2,766	2,617	2,464	2,702	2,452	2,462	2,449
Henry	35,721	38,294	3,007	3,192	3,568	3,215	3,116	3,468	3,345	3,102	3,102	3,515	3,052	2,696	2,359
Houston	500,155	502,784	40,313	46,215	43,396	40,126	47,143	47,097	46,433	41,105	43,970	54,972	43,080	45,335	40,098
Jackson	139,668	146,011	12,461	12,617	11,454	12,094	11,116	11,567	12,326	11,443	11,900	11,464	10,757	9,867	10,289
Jefferson	4,378,972	4,516,084	370,575	378,846	388,057	376,929	377,380	394,782	381,642	377,259	375,491	447,362	358,425	341,538	329,918
Lamar	37,080	37,796	3,220	3,216	3,249	3,473	3,200	3,325	2,646	3,047	3,100	3,579	3,157	2,928	2,495
Lauderdale	352,963	395,711	31,507	32,927	33,714	30,001	32,596	32,029	32,740	32,219	34,903	42,758	31,067	28,740	27,967
Lawrence	51,755	56,658	4,569	4,694	5,101	4,605	4,699	5,109	4,498	4,577	5,110	6,163	4,286	4,043	4,367
Lee	348,954	372,490	29,062	30,613	32,108	31,557	29,930	32,002	32,980	30,779	33,292	38,385	29,698	26,545	26,310
Limestone	161,411	171,949	14,808	14,158	15,769	14,010	14,730	16,364	15,138	14,090	13,801	16,380	14,029	13,034	12,801
Lowndes	16,854	21,614	1,799	1,614	1,841	1,960	1,826	1,899	1,845	2,369	1,710	2,241	1,577	1,645	1,671
Macon	45,136	44,351	3,461	3,640	3,798	3,855	3,727	4,029	4,116	3,963	3,473	3,818	3,996	3,556	3,338
Madison	1,049,552	1,110,764	90,401	96,681	102,306	96,639	96,048	101,249	98,094	95,615	97,690	110,137	92,254	86,053	83,782
Marengo	69,159	77,250	6,317	6,581	6,914	5,852	6,017	6,620	6,380	6,317	6,460	7,064	6,286	5,827	6,096
Marion	96,511	104,144	8,438	8,664	9,295	9,011	8,641	9,217	8,790	8,447	9,542	10,490	8,317	7,652	7,805
Marshall	339,643	360,700	31,309	32,867	34,684	33,137	33,184	34,730	32,707	30,476	33,446	35,604	28,083	27,777	28,336
Mobile	1,757,388	1,833,187	140,082	150,096	157,876	162,263	156,916	158,128	153,930	151,005	148,844	160,266	147,002	133,038	124,615
Monroe	100,997	105,947	8,456	7,095	8,405	8,465	8,276	10,421	8,510	9,377	11,129	12,150	6,001	5,757	5,186
Montgomery	1,241,131	1,299,277	105,101	100,708	112,267	113,277	110,216	109,946	104,686	101,594	105,953	130,808	99,534	96,456	104,064
Morgan	452,498	515,381	40,111	43,890	45,908	43,180	43,473	46,613	41,075	43,809	45,471	50,080	39,898	37,621	40,047
Perry	25,705	24,087	1,999	1,997	2,106	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,893	1,906	2,164	1,614	1,794	1,810
Pickens	41,348	43,919	3,507	3,118	3,972	3,895	3,903	3,563	3,575	3,258	3,286	3,651	3,269	3,161	3,107
Pike	90,702	99,081	8,141	7,877	8,360	8,529	8,114	8,974	8,778	8,630	7,644	9,930	8,497	7,567	7,933
Randolph	51,811	58,115	4,584	4,273	4,778	4,877	5,463	4,829	5,110	4,880	4,840	5,433	5,275	4,325	4,378
Russell	122,599	122,888	10,749	11,981	11,144	10,425	10,419	9,441	[illegible]	9,951	[illegible]	11,120	9,877	9,505	9,586
St. Clair	124,089	132,352	11,664	10,848	10,675	10,992	11,563	11,147	11,062	11,061	10,923	11,961	10,612	10,796	10,876
Shelby	251,358	253,255	20,141	20,136	19,247	20,193	20,059	19,130	19,288	20,206	22,880	26,389	22,869	21,703	20,704
Sumter	30,965	30,356	2,567	2,575	2,601	2,541	2,112	2,400	2,128	2,461	[illegible]	2,608	2,431	2,077	2,248
Talladega	240,517	262,524	26,431	[illegible]	24,026	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19,930	17,634
Tallapoosa	122,481	133,184	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10,617	10,094
Tuscaloosa	631,370	673,473	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40,898	46,860
Walker	291,356	305,535	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25,061	21,771
Washington	25,686	30,417	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,889	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,694	1,525	1,204
Wilcox	22,069	25,884	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,626	1,692
Winston	7,301	70,411	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,596	5,874
Statewide	874,390	1,020,626	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	74,316	80,062

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

Where Does The Federal Dollar Go?

Three reports released by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau show where $788.5 billion was spent during fiscal year 1985.

The reports cover federal expenditures in states and territories, counties and subcounty areas. They cover virtually all federal government expenditures within the United States except interest on the federal debt.

The states and territories report shows $349.0 billion in direct payments such as Social Security, Medicare and food stamps for individuals in 1985, an increase of 7 percent from fiscal year 1984. The government spent another $194.1 billion in procurement contracts for the Defense Department and other agencies, an increase of 10 percent. Salaries, wages, and benefits for federal employees were up 6 percent to $115.5 billion. State and local governments received $105.5 billion in grants to state and local governments, up 8.5 percent and $24.5 billion was spent on other projects, up 48 percent from 1984.

The federal government spent a total of $12.5 billion in Alabama with the largest share going to the direct payments to individuals category at $6.2 billion. Salaries and wages followed with $2.4 billion in federal expenditures. The federal government spent $1.9 billion on procurement contracts and $1.7 billion on grants to Alabama and local governments within Alabama.

The per capita federal expenditure nationwide was $3,253. Federal per capita expenditures by state ranged from a low of $2,399 in North Carolina to Alaska's high of $4,858. Alabama ranked 22nd with a per capita expenditure of $3,101.

In Alabama, Madison County received the largest amount of federal expenditures totaling over $2 billion and over half of that amount came from direct expenditures or obligations from the Defense Department. Jefferson County was second in federal expenditures with $1.8 billion followed by Montgomery County with $1.3 billion.

For further details see *Consolidated Federal Funds Report, Fiscal Year 1985, Volumes I, II, and III.* These reports are available from the Superintendent of Documents or from a government documents depository library.

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The Atlanta Federal Reserve's *Economic Review* summarizes Alabama's import/export situation as follows:

> Improvements in the international economy, continuing declines in the exchange value of the dollar, and reduced competition from imports with the exception of Canadian products, and lower long-term interest rates, will help domestic manufacturers expand markets at home and abroad. . . . At this point, the dollar's decline and plummeting oil prices seem certain to benefit Alabama's agriculture, manufacturing, and mining industries. All in all, improving growth for Alabama's economy seems to be a likely prospect in 1986.

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The Economy in Perspective:
International Events and Alabama's Economy

The Bureau of the Census has recently released a study revealing that one out of nine manufacturing jobs in the United States in 1983 was related to the export of manufactured products. Manufacturing accounted for 20.4 percent of all employment in Alabama that year, but the percent of those jobs related to export was not nearly as high as the national average. Twenty-nine thousand of Alabama's 341,000 manufacturing jobs in 1983 were related to manufactured exports. An additional 23,800 jobs in nonmanufacturing industries were related to exports. This latter category includes jobs in trade, business services, transportation and communications, mining, and agriculture. In all 4.8 percent of Alabama private sector employment (including the manufacturing and the nonmanufacturing catagories, as discussed above) was related to manufactured exports.

The years 1984 and 1985 saw exports from Alabama decline for several reasons. Nondurable manufacturing industries, principally textiles and apparel, had difficulty competing with low-cost imports. A strong U.S. dollar made foreign goods comparatively cheap and was especially hard on Alabama textiles and apparel companies. The Center for Business and Economic Research forecasts that these two industries, which together account for about five percent of total Alabama employment, will not see much growth during the remainder of the decade, but will also not see the negative growth noticed in the early 1980s.

Durable goods manufacturing in Alabama has also been affected by international events. Primary metals employment provides employment for about 28,000 Alabamians in 1986, but this industry provided 45,000 jobs in 1978. The forecast is that primary metals will never regain the prominence it once had in Alabama's economy, although it will continue to be important by employing about 1.5 percent of all employed Alabamians (as opposed to 2.7 percent in 1978). The Atlanta Federal Reserve Board points out that the relatively high cost of U.S. labor and the lack of capital to modernize aging facilities has made it almost impossible for this basic industry to compete with more efficient plants overseas. Alabama is fortunate to have attracted one new steel plant, Tuscaloosa Steel, which is using innovative techniques to produce competitive products.

Forest products have been important to Alabama's economy for a long time. Two industries, one durable (lumber) and one nondurable (paper) are reliant on forest products. Canadian imports of wood products have made a profound impact on these industries. Because the U.S. dollar remains strong against the Canadian dollar, Canadian wood products will continue to be imported. Employment in Alabama in the paper and lumber industries will have to withstand heavy competitive pressures.

A discussion of international markets must include mention of the many foreign-owned companies that have located in Alabama. State government has vigorously courted and has successfully attracted manufacturing companies from Japan, Germany, and elsewhere around the world. These companies provide approximately 15,000 jobs to Alabamians and millions of dollars in capital investment. For example, Monarch Tile Manufacturing, owned by a French company, is a prominent employer in Florence. Many of the foreign-owned businesses are not as large as Monarch, but employ between 50 and 75 people at their Alabama sites.

The Port of Mobile helps to make Alabama an international presence, although the Port handles import and export traffic from many more states than just Alabama. Exports had for years been more important to the Port than imports. Wood products, agricultural products (principally soybeans, corn, and wheat), synthetic rubber, and organophosphorus insecticides were the most common commodities exported in 1984. The top imports through the Port in 1984 were chemicals, iron ore, crude petroleum and ethyl alcohol. Value of total exports through the Port dropped between 1983 and 1984 and again in 1985. For the first time in 1984 the value of imports through the Port exceeded the value of exports through the Port.

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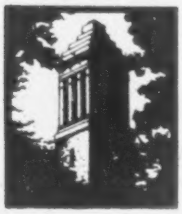

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American Indians in Alabama

People have been an important part of Alabama's resources for more than a thousand years. The builders of Moundville, located 13 miles south of present day Tuscaloosa, created a powerful and rich culture between 1000 A.D and 1500 A.D. When Europeans found their way to the territory of the future state, they encountered Mobilian traders and the Alabama tribe for which the state was named. Later, as the colonies that would become the United States grew on the eastern seaboard, the territory was dominated by four of the "Five Civilized Tribes"--the Choctaws, the warlike Chickasaws, the Cherokees in the Appalachians, and the Creeks, who organized Indian towns and tribes spanning a wide area into the Creek Confederacy.

As rich as their culture was, however, these tribes could not compete with the numbers, tools, and avarice of the white settlers. Tensions in the territory were exacerbated by the coming of statehood and by the forced migration of Indians across the Chattahoochee River from Georgia. During the 1830s, majorities of each of the four great tribes finally succumbed to the threats and promises of the state and federal governments and traded their lands in Alabama for claims in territories west of the Mississippi River.

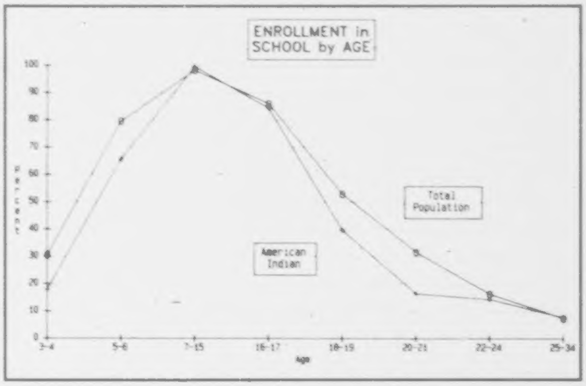
The distribution of the Indian population in the United States still reflects the policy of westward removal. According to 1980 Census data, 49 percent of 1,420,400 persons who identified their race as American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut live in the West. Yet the South, defined by the Census Bureau to include the former "Indian Territory" that is now Oklahoma, is still the home of 27 percent of all American Indians. In fact, a study based on the 1980 Census showed Oklahoma and North Carolina having the second and fifth largest state Indian populations, respectively. Alabama ranked 36th among the states, with 7,502 Indian residents in 1980.

A recent, unpublished report on tribal populations in 1980 (which credits the state with 9,239 American Indian residents) suggests that the tribes which historically occupied this area still predominate in the Indian population. Of all Indians in Alabama who reported a tribe, 81.7 percent identified themselves as either Choctaw, Cherokee or Creek. In fact, the only reservation land in Alabama belongs to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, a group that numbered 1,470 in 1984. However, 43.3 percent of those who identified themselves as American Indians in this state did not report a tribe (**doubling** the nationwide nonreport rate of 20.6 percent). Thus, for many persons who identified themselves as American Indians, tribal affiliation was not important.

Within Alabama, the main center of Indian residence is the Mobile Bay area. Indian reservation land in Alabama is concentrated in Poarch, in western Escambia County. Four counties in southwestern Alabama (Mobile, Escambia, Washington and Baldwin) were home to 44.1 percent of the state's American Indians in 1980. Another 21.5 percent were found in Jefferson, Madison, Houston, Calhoun and Montgomery counties. Altogether, almost two thirds of the state's Indian population lives in only nine counties.

Compared to the state population as a whole, one statistical profile showed American Indians in Alabama were less likely to live in metropolitan areas. Only 51 percent of Alabama's American Indians lived in metropolitan areas in 1980, although 62 percent of the state's total population did so. The Indian residence pattern for the state closely matched the pattern for the nation as a whole, even though the total population of the U.S. is more highly concentrated in metropolitan areas than is the total population of Alabama.

American Indians in Alabama tend to be somewhat less well-educated than the population as a whole, but in the last ten years the gap between Indians and the general population has shrunk dramatically. In 1970, of the state's population 25 years old or older, 41 percent were high school graduates, but among Indians of the same age group, only 27 percent had high school diplomas. In 1980, the figure for the state had risen to 57 percent, but the figure for American Indians in Alabama had nearly doubled, to 52 percent. (Nationwide, 67 percent of this age group has finished high school, but the closing of **that** gap may have to await more fundamental and widespread changes in priorities.) As the graph shows, where Indian school enrollment lags is at the ages where school enrollment is optional in Alabama. Lower enrollment in preschool programs may reflect lower availability of preschool programs in the rural areas where American Indians are more likely to reside. The lower enrollment in the later years suggests a perpetuation of the tendency of American Indians, both in Alabama and in other states, to bypass college and enter the labor market.



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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985									1986			
	1984	1985	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,180	142,269	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,396
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,472	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,250	23,537	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509	558	556
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,831,200	240,200	247,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100
Residential	1,232,400	1,199,600	121,000	135,400	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400
Nonresidential	920,000	1,052,400	72,000	72,600	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,600	47,000	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,887	6,529	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377
Franchise	64,476	69,838	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,548
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911
Sales	704,299	730,389	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147
2.2% Gross receipts	54,765	54,973	13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84		13,957	1	1	13,363
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432
Use	75,723	79,253	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735
Utility	151,261	156,209	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	-.2	.3	.3	.5	-.2
Food	302.9	309.8	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1
Housing	336.5	349.9	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3
Transportation	311.7	319.9	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3
Medical care	379.5	403.1	398.0	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0
Energy	423.6	426.5	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	309.0	304.7	300.3	297.9
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	324.0	319.4	314.0	311.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	312	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307
Wholesale prices	322	324	323	323	323	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	328	333	336
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,794.6	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	153.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,641.6	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,423.1	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	358.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	175.6	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.6	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	5.2
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.6	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3
Electrical, electronic equip	23.3	22.7	22.6	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8
Transportation	25.4	26.5	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.9	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.9	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9
Food	28.0	28.9	28.6	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.8	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.0	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	22.0	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,064.6	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	70.7	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.5	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3
Trade	291.3	303.2	301.4	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	75.8	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9
Retail	217.6	227.1	225.6	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.6	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	241.9	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8
Government	293.4	297.3	299.2	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2
Federal	64.9	65.2	66.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8
State and local	228.4	232.1	233.0	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985									1986			
	1984	1985	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	17,081	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	......
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598	......
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	......
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,080	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260
	9.6	8.7	8.4	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	37,610	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650
	10.9	7.7	7.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,250	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640
	10.5	10.5	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1
Bibb	6,240	6,880	6,930	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060
	16.6	12.4	9.9	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,130	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080
	11.0	6.9	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,550	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630
	14.5	16.4	14.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,040	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320
	13.8	12.3	11.0	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,570	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410
	11.3	8.9	8.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7
Chambers	16,500	16,930	17,170	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360
	9.3	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	7,880	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880
	14.0	14.8	15.5	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,080	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690
	11.3	10.3	11.1	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,400	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000
	16.3	14.6	12.9	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0
Clarke	10,630	11,040	10,880	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320
	14.3	9.9	8.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,320	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790
	10.9	11.1	10.3	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,940	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910
	10.2	9.1	10.7	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8
Coffee	20,210	17,030	17,200	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510
	8.4	7.2	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,850	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050
	16.4	13.1	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,360	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690
	11.8	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770
	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3
Covington	16,370	17,130	16,990	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310
	9.9	9.7	9.4	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,180	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000
	11.0	9.1	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0
Cullman	29,550	30,430	30,470	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800
	11.5	9.6	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,520	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450
	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3
Dallas	23,130	22,310	21,840	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880
	15.7	15.0	12.6	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	27,400	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970
	10.8	10.4	11.3	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,690	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180
	7.7	7.3	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,580	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290
	12.1	9.9	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,820	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660
	13.4	10.3	10.2	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,390	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200
	9.5	14.4	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2
Franklin	14,830	15,050	14,920	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110
	18.6	13.6	12.2	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,770	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020
	8.2	9.5	8.9	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,780	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810
	17.1	17.7	17.8	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,910	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980
	17.1	11.3	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780
	9.4	10.6	10.7	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,530	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470
	9.0	8.4	7.8	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,780	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580
	16.8	12.3	12.6	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	310,490	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950
	9.8	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,830	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900
	7.3	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	35,970	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840
	14.8	10.8	9.6	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.5	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,610	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730
	15.1	12.7	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,930	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460
	6.5	7.0	6.4	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9
Limestone	20,230	27,040	26,510	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410
	10.8	7.1	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,590	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540
	18.3	14.0	15.8	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,410	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590
	11.1	8.5	7.1	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1
Madison	117,780	117,770	116,440	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790
	7.1	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3
Marengo	9,720	9,940	9,790	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960
	14.2	10.7	10.4	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2
Marion	13,580	15,280	15,010	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810
	14.9	13.8	14.1	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,300	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980
	12.6	8.6	8.0	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2
Mobile	164,730	166,730	166,340	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670
	12.6	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985									1986			
	1984	1985	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	9,010	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	10,200	9,300
	16.2	13.6	12.5	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0	27.8	13.7
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	90,890	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020	93,800	94,610
	8.8	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.0
Morgan	38,870	43,370	43,540	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010	44,620	45,070
	11.5	8.1	7.6	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.1
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,230	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110	5,250	5,230
	13.3	13.2	10.9	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1	11.0	9.6
Pickens	7,080	6,970	7,000	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900	6,950	7,070
	15.9	15.2	14.5	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4	14.1	14.3
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,810	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970	12,090	12,160
	10.1	8.0	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,720	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130	9,190	9,300
	14.9	9.5	9.2	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.5
Russell	19,290	20,630	20,340	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860	21,030	21,020
	12.9	10.5	9.4	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0	10.1	9.6
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	20,570	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040	21,300	21,380
	11.5	8.1	7.9	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9	7.3	6.7
Shelby	31,910	34,260	34,300	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870	35,010	35,550
	10.3	7.0	7.4	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9	5.5	5.9
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,210	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020	6,140	6,240
	11.5	13.7	12.0	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3	21.4	21.1
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,410	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380	31,750	32,180
	15.8	13.1	12.6	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	18,130	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640	18,490	18,800
	9.4	8.2	8.1	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.5
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	64,080	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900	67,470	68,410
	9.6	6.8	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9
Walker	32,560	33,090	33,580	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650	35,880	36,370
	13.3	9.9	11.5	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9
Washington	6,490	5,860	5,610	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050
	18.1	14.9	12.7	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.8	15.6	18.8	16.8
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,400	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,400
	15.3	16.5	14.8	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,510	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710	10,740	10,700
	19.6	17.1	13.7	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1	22.9	21.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816	984	1,427		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	160,821	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,731	309	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	291	226	
General stores with food and gas	175	188	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13	14	
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	212	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	168	218	
Apparel	568	595	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	39	48	
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	544	587	44	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	48	44	41	
Automotive	3,088	3,412	294	324	312	304	319	316	269	240	257	268	267	255	
Gasoline service stations	296	313	26	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22	21	
Lumber and building materials	890	989	88	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	78	76	72	76	
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29	32	
Eating places	1,293	1,428	115	127	127	127	134	120	121	121	122	115	112	119	
Drug stores	264	272	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23	23	
All other retail	2,162	2,289	185	196	186	182	192	185	193	193	261	180	167	163	
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,817	1,402	1,477	1,441	1,406	1,476	1,405	1,375	1,394	1,677	1,320	1,247	1,235	
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,678	225	233	226	234	239	235	235	229	256	210	193	195	
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,494	1,627	1,710	1,667	1,640	1,714	1,641	1,611	1,623	1,933	1,529	1,441	1,430	
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,535	45,101	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525	
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,355,157	449,676	474,189	449,745	442,434	469,842	451,742	440,932	446,344	524,799	425,513	406,322	390,093	
Dothan	643,669	667,338	56,067	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,399	53,017	65,764	51,633	49,847	47,939	
Florence	612,947	645,316	54,847	55,638	54,531	54,301	57,248	53,663	52,162	55,140	67,127	50,106	46,457	46,824	
Gadsden	459,941	475,376	39,830	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443	
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,153,765	96,681	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782	
Mobile	2,100,894	2,188,242	183,779	191,056	195,353	191,553	190,821	181,096	182,192	174,342	211,080	172,442	157,794	150,243	
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,508,974	124,263	131,270	131,870	128,839	129,380	126,632	121,852	122,365	153,061	115,741	112,982	119,922	
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860	
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,941	9,056	9,468	8,999	9,284	9,788	8,397	8,828	8,135	9,751	8,780	8,106	7,422	
Baldwin	343,706	355,055	31,683	33,180	32,990	34,635	32,213	28,240	26,527	25,498	30,084	25,440	24,756	25,628	
Barbour	71,583	75,342	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,119	7,543	5,790	5,734	5,298	
Bibb	41,388	44,121	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,538	3,924	3,908	3,674	3,907	4,431	3,477	3,447	3,833	
Blount	89,053	100,656	8,189	9,006	8,906	8,266	8,996	9,029	8,527	8,727	9,210	7,980	7,084	7,224	
Bullock	26,077	25,661	2,016	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,037	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,345	2,086	2,008	
Butler	65,570	63,059	5,254	5,645	5,185	5,160	5,222	5,179	5,143	5,105	5,958	5,101	4,681	4,760	
Calhoun	507,895	542,535	45,101	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525	
Chambers	107,006	108,811	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,967	10,250	8,627	8,387	8,343	
Cherokee	47,907	50,302	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,940	4,130	4,275	3,707	3,365	
Chilton	99,875	109,554	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,978	9,308	10,443	8,382	8,393	8,679	
Choctaw	36,637	38,862	3,121	3,206	3,250	3,170	3,562	3,155	3,317	3,291	3,687	3,218	2,683	2,649	
Clarke	98,651	107,151	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,272	8,763	10,586	8,625	7,636	8,234	
Clay	26,368	26,974	2,267	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,439	2,350	2,131	2,108	
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,662	1,624	1,710	
Coffee	186,107	190,605	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,691	16,654	15,291	15,390	17,902	14,146	13,495	14,001	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985									1986			
	1984	1985	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties--continued	–													–	
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,605	22,020	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,169	20,923	19,943	20,207	23,369	19,039	17,712	18,857	
Conecuh	37,533	36,981	3,028	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,259	3,522	2,701	2,538	2,306	
Coosa	8,932	10,207	798	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	913	749	673	733	
Covington	137,578	137,589	11,659	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,568	10,717	10,867	12,601	10,732	10,113	10,777	
Crenshaw	30,988	35,367	3,021	2,919	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,237	2,858	2,440	2,936	
Cullman	237,638	251,300	21,543	22,693	22,322	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,771	20,900	22,805	18,651	17,674	18,075	
Dale	104,914	114,554	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,294	9,697	11,392	8,553	8,512	7,841	
Dallas	199,200	207,828	17,820	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,696	17,218	16,648	17,269	19,905	15,718	14,337	15,666	
DeKalb	180,388	189,769	15,933	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,162	16,061	19,085	15,105	17,482	14,333	13,737	12,731	
Elmore	102,081	107,758	9,499	9,510	9,596	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,430	8,277	9,402	8,427	8,420	8,436	
Escambia	141,761	143,164	12,681	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,598	11,176	11,276	11,204	13,968	10,688	10,022	9,969	
Etowah	459,941	475,376	39,830	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443	
Fayette	64,918	63,274	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,662	5,416	4,768	5,279	5,250	5,195	4,395	
Franklin	99,529	103,970	8,470	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,072	7,688	6,952	7,695	
Geneva	144,828	145,540	12,249	12,649	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,979	11,981	11,696	12,885	11,486	10,719	11,006	
Greene	18,310	16,893	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,433	1,360	1,391	1,373	
Hale	31,290	31,993	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,794	2,758	2,615	2,464	2,702	2,482	2,462	2,449	
Henry	35,727	38,394	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,345	3,107	3,107	3,515	3,052	2,696	2,359	
Houston	538,755	552,784	46,215	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,320	54,372	43,080	41,335	40,098	
Jackson	136,606	146,010	12,611	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,443	11,908	13,464	10,757	9,867	10,289	
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,516,064	378,846	398,053	376,029	370,860	394,768	381,842	372,753	375,491	447,362	358,625	341,658	329,918	
Lamar	37,982	37,796	3,216	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,529	3,157	2,928	2,495	
Lauderdale	362,963	395,711	32,827	33,714	33,001	32,596	35,079	32,740	32,219	34,933	43,758	31,067	28,740	27,967	
Lawrence	51,755	56,634	4,684	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,128	4,499	4,571	5,110	6,163	4,286	4,043	4,367	
Lee	346,954	372,493	30,815	32,318	31,557	29,500	33,053	32,985	30,705	33,292	38,485	29,698	26,545	28,310	
Limestone	161,477	175,940	15,124	15,769	14,610	14,732	16,264	15,128	14,390	13,801	16,860	14,029	13,034	12,801	
Lowndes	16,854	21,618	1,614	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,005	1,749	1,716	2,241	1,577	1,645	1,671	
Macon	45,136	44,351	3,640	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,079	4,106	3,983	3,471	3,818	3,986	3,558	3,338	
Madison	1,049,552	1,153,765	96,681	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782	
Marengo	69,350	77,257	6,581	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,620	6,486	6,317	6,460	7,964	6,286	5,827	6,096	
Marion	95,317	104,134	8,664	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,443	9,043	10,490	8,717	7,956	7,805	
Marshall	339,443	380,792	32,867	34,684	33,143	33,589	34,722	32,107	30,426	32,446	35,694	28,582	27,777	28,336	
Mobile	1,757,188	1,833,187	152,096	157,876	162,363	156,918	158,608	152,856	155,665	148,844	180,996	147,002	133,038	124,615	
Monroe	102,802	105,947	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,290	10,423	9,230	9,332	11,139	12,110	6,001	5,757	5,186	
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,295,275	105,708	112,292	113,275	110,216	109,942	109,080	104,594	105,953	133,908	98,534	96,456	104,064	
Morgan	452,408	515,381	43,850	45,908	43,560	43,472	46,643	45,075	43,806	45,471	50,082	39,898	37,631	40,047	
Perry	25,165	24,062	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,893	1,908	2,164	1,814	1,794	1,810	
Pickens	41,346	41,970	3,718	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,298	3,338	3,657	3,289	3,163	3,107	
Pike	90,768	99,081	7,677	8,760	8,625	8,141	8,974	8,770	8,536	7,944	9,830	8,497	7,567	7,933	
Randolph	57,911	58,073	4,773	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,613	5,215	4,325	4,378	
Russell	121,519	122,804	11,361	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,560	10,371	9,807	11,770	8,977	8,525	9,086	
St. Clair	121,089	137,152	11,848	12,875	12,992	11,564	12,701	11,281	11,081	10,755	11,987	10,673	10,796	10,976	
Shelby	253,358	275,753	23,126	24,247	23,682	24,089	24,130	22,294	22,528	23,685	25,544	22,889	21,703	20,204	
Sumter	30,989	30,558	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,461	2,731	3,028	2,402	2,077	2,248	
Talladega	240,169	257,626	21,411	24,626	22,283	22,970	22,251	21,592	20,845	20,612	25,069	20,450	18,670	17,634	
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,195	11,153	12,395	12,114	10,986	12,042	10,890	10,691	11,391	12,620	10,367	10,617	10,084	
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	55,576	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860	
Walker	291,356	325,532	27,667	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,696	25,346	25,081	21,771	
Washington	21,686	20,671	1,743	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,620	1,557	1,644	1,526	1,204	
Wilcox	27,999	25,884	2,140	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,974	2,183	2,316	2,065	1,826	1,692	
Winston	71,301	79,471	6,586	6,942	6,830	6,646	7,215	6,723	6,682	6,964	7,433	6,202	5,595	5,974	
Statewide[11]	974,246	1,075,676	81,535	84,466	91,123	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,942	98,352	129,987	85,263	79,316	86,068	

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Changes In Retail Trade Series

CBER and the Department of Revenue have always worked together to produce the Retail Trade series published in *ALABAMA BUSINESS*. Recently, in order to improve the series, the Department of Revenue has begun replacing the old industry codes to reflect Standard Industry Classification (SIC) Codes. They have also developed new procedures to better capture the data by county of original sales.

The University of Alabama is converting to a new mainframe computer at the end of August. The software previously used to produce Retail Trade reports is being modified for the new mainframe and will incorporate the new information from the Department of Revenue.

When the Department of Revenue has finished its work on SIC and county of origin coding, and the new software has been tested, the Retail Trade series will be resumed.

The interim data will be collected and continued at the same point at which publication ceased.

We are sorry for the inconvenience to data users.

Zip Code Data For Alabama

The Alabama State Data Center within the Center for Business and Economic Research has just released its demographic profiles of all 751 zip code areas in Alabama. These special tabulations were developed using data from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. Each three-page profile answers the most commonly asked questions about age, race, sex, educational attainment, income, and housing characteristics of a zip code area.

This information is available on microfiche, floppy diskette, or in hard copy. A paper copy of one zip code may be ordered for $5.00 or a set of microfiche containing all profiles for all 751 zip codes may be ordered for $75.00. A set of floppy diskettes for IBM or IBM compatible microcomputers costs $200.00. Special tabulations may also be ordered; prices begin at $50.00.

Legislative District Data for Alabama

The Alabama State Data Center within the Center for Business and Economic Research has reorganized Census Bureau files to correspond as closely as possible to Alabama's legislative districts. The Center has available a three-page data summary for every Alabama House of Representatives district and every Alabama Senate district. The three pages are a tabular description of age groups, different races, educational attainment, income levels, and other characteristics of the people within each district. Also included are tables about the housing characteristics of the district. A paper copy of a particular district may be ordered for $5.00 or a set of microfiche containing all profiles for both the House and the Senate may be ordered for $25.00.

To place an order, or for additional information about either zip codes or legislative districts, contact: Annette Watters or Beth Gibbs, Alabama State Data Center, Center for Business and Economic Research, P.O. Box AK, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487. Phone: (205) 348-6191.

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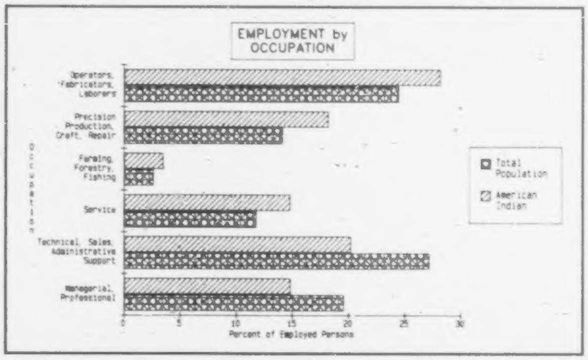
American Indians in Alabama (Continued from p. 2)

One key indicator of the educational characteristics of the Indian population in the future is the achievement level of today's new adults. For the state as a whole, 71.3 percent of persons age 18 to 24 had high school diplomas, but for American Indians the figure was 60.5 percent. With a slightly younger population on the whole (median age 26.2 versus 29.3 for the entire state population), American Indians in Alabama could close the education gap rather quickly, but only if there is a continuing commitment to the education of Indian youth.

As things stand, the average income of American Indians in Alabama is lagging. While Alabama's per capita income in 1979 (as reported in 1980) reached $5,894, the per capita income of American Indians in the state was only $5,017. While the state's median family income was $16,347, that for American Indians was $12,940. While 14.8 percent of the state's families and 18.9 percent of all individuals had 1979 incomes below poverty level, the comparable figures for the American Indian pouplation were 22.2 percent and 22.5 percent, respectively.

There are several factors which contribute to the deficit. One of these is the greater tendency of American Indians to live in rural areas. Another is chronically higher unemployment. In 1970, when the state unemployment rate was 4.5 percent, the rate among American Indians in Alabama was 11.1 percent. In 1980, when the state unemployment rate rose to 7.5 percent, the American Indian unemployment rate rose higher, to 13.0 percent. A third factor is the greater concentration of American Indian workers in lower-paying occupations. As the second graph shows, Alabama's American Indians are more likely to work in service occupations or as manual or craft workers, and less likely to work in administrative or managerial/professional occupations. These factors work to insure that the income of American Indians will continue to trail behind that of Alabamians on average.



Recent developments, however, have changed the outlook for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Official federal recognition as an Indian tribe, which the band won in 1984, opened the door to participation in a variety of federal assistance programs. The transformation of some acreage into reservation land, accomplished in the following months, has given the tribe new potential for growth. For example, the Poarch Band, following the lead of other reservation tribes across the country, has established a bingo hall and has begun stronger promotion of the tribe's annual pow-wow as a cultural event. These developments suggest a brighter future for the Poarch Band, and for surrounding Escambia County as well.

A great variety of information about American Indians, both in Alabama and in the nation as a whole, is available. The 1980 Census saw an increased effort to collect complete and accurate information on the American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut populations. Tables subdivided by race may be found in the **General Social and Economic Characteristics** series (PC80-1-C), the **Detailed Population Characteristics** series (PC80-1-D), and the **General Housing Characteristics** series (HC80-1-B). Persons interested in reservation populations may consult "American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts on Identified Reservations and in Historic Areas of Oklahoma (Excluding Urbanized Areas)," **1980 Census Subject Reports** (PC80-2-1D), which includes the results of a special supplementary survey administered in those areas. Other recent federal government reports include "American Indian Areas and Alaskan Native Villages: 1980" and "Estimates of the Revenue-Sharing Population for Entitled American Indian Tribal Governments and Alaska Native Villages," Current Population Report (P-26, No. 82-53-SC). Persons interested in the Indian heritage of the Southeastern region can contact the State Museum of Natural History, which has offices at Mound State Monument, near Moundville, and on the campus of The University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa. Books about American Indians are available through your public library.

— Edward Rigdon

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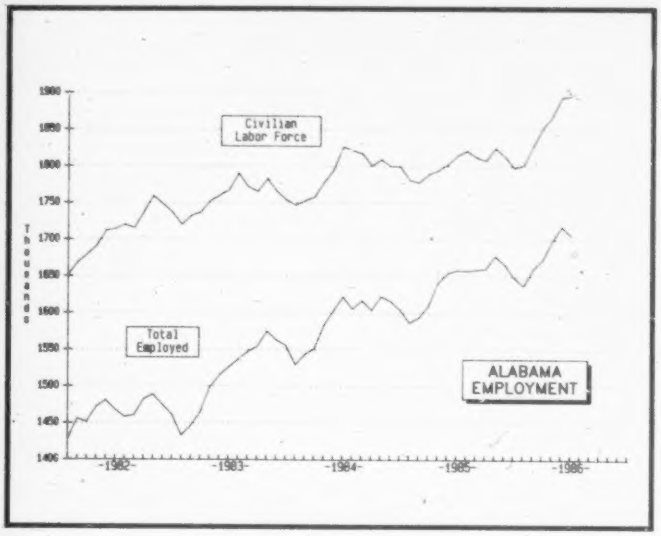

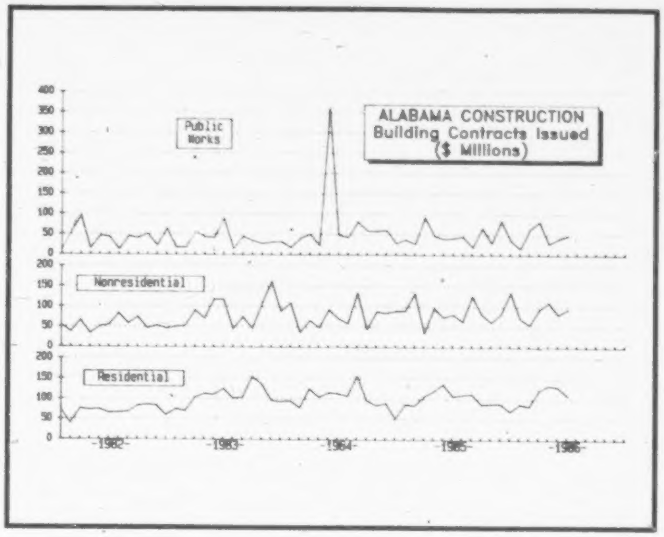

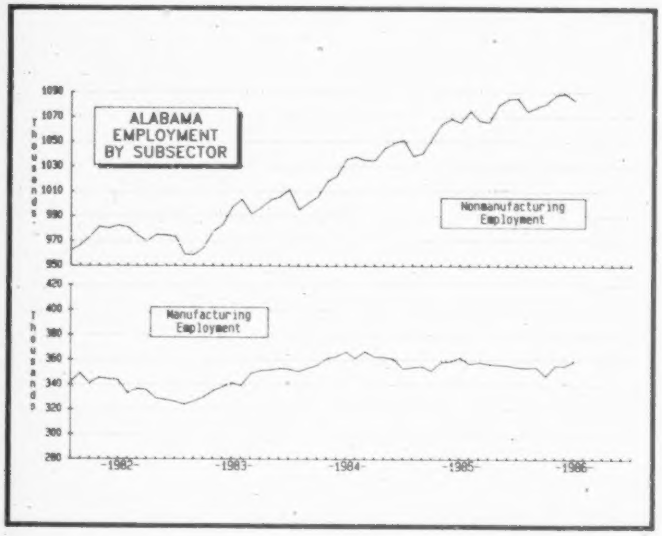

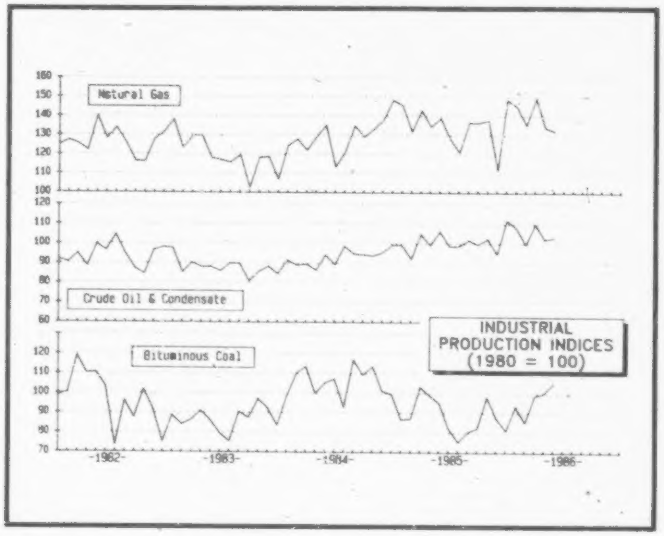

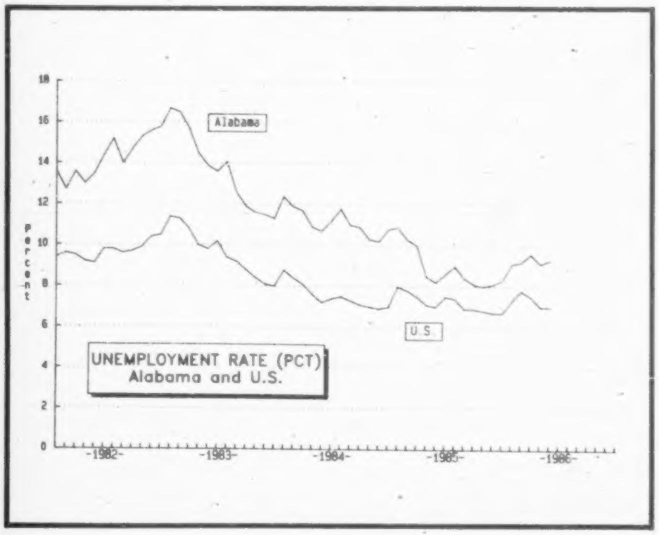

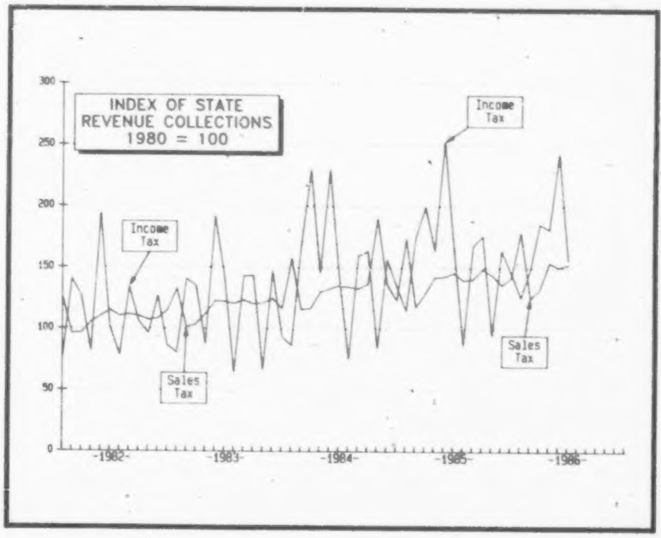

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	28,068	23,421	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	137,180	142,269	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	338,597	341,068	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	34,716
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	19,807	21,472	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,839
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,250	23,537	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,514	6,292	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509	556	556	......
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	3,025,500	2,842,700	260,700	228,700	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200
Residential	1,232,400	1,198,500	135,400	105,800	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200
Nonresidential	920,000	1,064,900	72,600	94,400	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	39,400	41,900	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,197	1,306	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,887	6,529	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639
Franchise	64,476	69,838	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,081	138,293
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528
Oil/gas privilege	70,183	64,951	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225
Oil/gas production	17,331	17,601	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882
Sales	704,299	730,389	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563
2.2% Gross receipts	54,765	54,973	448	12	13,639	23	......	13,922	84	......	13,957	1	1	13,363	600
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346	......	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528
Use	75,723	79,253	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675
Utility	151,261	156,209	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	311.1	322.2	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	-3	-5	-2	3
Food	302.9	309.8	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0
Housing	336.5	349.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4
Transportation	311.7	319.9	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	313.2	309.6	303.3	305.7
Medical care	379.5	403.1	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7
Energy	423.6	426.5	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	297.9	299.2
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	323.8	318.9	314.0	311.3	311.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307	306
Wholesale prices	322	324	323	323	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	329	333	336	334
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	148.2	155.7	163.6	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	353.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.8	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0
Transportation	25.4	26.5	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.8	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.9	19.0	18.9
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7
Food	28.0	28.9	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.6
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4
Trade	291.3	303.2	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8
Retail	217.6	227.1	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3
Government	293.4	297.3	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2
Federal	64.9	65.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.8	64.0
State and local	228.4	232.1	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856	....	....
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,808	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392	....	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,5[illegible]	....	....
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660	....	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590
	9.6	8.7	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170
	10.9	7.7	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880
	10.5	10.5	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2
Bibb	6,240	6,880	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250
	16.6	12.4	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380
	11.0	6.9	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960
	14.5	16.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460
	13.8	12.3	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760
	11.3	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,150	17,240	17,360	17,540
	9.3	8.8	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190
	14.0	14.8	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990
	11.3	10.3	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090
	16.3	14.6	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3
Clarke	10,630	11,040	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,670	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380
	14.3	9.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690
	10.9	11.1	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010
	10.2	9.1	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7
Coffee	20,210	17,030	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910
	8.4	7.2	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220
	16.4	13.1	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820
	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840
	8.0	7.5	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8
Covington	16,370	17,130	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700
	9.9	9.7	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000	6,240
	11.0	9.1	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7
Cullman	29,550	30,430	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540
	11.5	9.6	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750
	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1
Dallas	23,130	22,310	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410
	15.7	15.0	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810
	10.8	10.4	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560
	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610
	12.1	9.9	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480
	13.4	10.3	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210
	9.5	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9
Franklin	14,830	15,050	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000
	18.6	13.6	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380
	8.2	9.5	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890
	17.1	17.7	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280
	17.1	11.3	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890
	9.4	10.6	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730
	9.0	8.4	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580	20,950
	16.8	12.3	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520
	9.8	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010
	7.3	8.0	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840	37,510
	14.8	10.8	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.7
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730	13,050
	15.1	12.7	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0	12.4
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460	38,660
	6.5	7.0	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9	6.9
Limestone	20,230	27,040	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410	29,860
	10.8	7.1	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.4
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540	4,660
	18.3	14.0	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7	14.2
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590	10,800
	11.1	8.5	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1	9.1
Madison	117,780	117,770	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790	125,440
	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.4
Marengo	9,720	9,940	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960	10,110
	14.2	10.7	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2	9.7
Marion	13,580	15,280	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810	16,040
	14.9	13.8	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.8
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980	37,500
	12.6	8.6	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2	10.4
Mobile	164,730	166,730	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480
	12.6	9.4	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	8,920	9,080	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	10,200	9,300	9,330
	16.2	13.6	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0	27.8	13.7	11.7
Montgomery	96,610	91,900	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020	93,800	94,610	96,370
	8.8	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.8
Morgan	38,870	43,370	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010	44,620	45,070	45,620
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.1	8.7
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110	5,250	5,230	5,500
	13.3	13.2	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1	11.0	9.6	11.7
Pickens	7,080	6,970	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900	6,950	7,070	7,420
	15.9	15.2	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4	14.1	14.3	14.3
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970	12,090	12,160	12,460
	10.1	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.0
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130	9,190	9,300	9,320
	14.9	9.5	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.5	1.4
Russell	19,290	20,630	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860	21,030	21,020	21,000
	12.9	10.5	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.3
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040	21,300	21,380	21,710
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9	7.3	6.7	7.5
Shelby	31,910	34,260	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870	35,010	35,550	35,940
	10.3	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9	5.5	5.9	6.4
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020	6,140	6,240	6,400
	11.5	13.7	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3	21.4	21.1	21.1
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,560	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380	31,750	32,180	32,610
	15.8	13.1	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640	18,490	18,800	19,250
	9.4	8.2	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.5	7.5
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900	67,470	68,410	58,810
	9.6	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.8
Walker	32,560	33,090	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650	35,880	36,370	36,440
	13.3	9.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9	13.6
Washington	6,490	5,860	5,710	5,880	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050	6,160
	18.1	14.9	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6	18.8	16.8	17.1
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,400	4,510
	15.3	16.5	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8	16.7
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710	10,740	10,700	10,580
	19.6	17.1	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1	22.9	21.3	18.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232	....	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	....
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,731	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	291	226	....	....
General stores with food and gas	175	188	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13	14	....	....
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	168	218	....	....
Apparel	568	595	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	39	48	....	....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	544	587	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	48	44	41	....	....
Automotive	3,088	3,412	324	312	304	319	316	269	240	257	268	267	255	....	....
Gasoline service stations	296	313	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22	21	....	....
Lumber and building materials	890	989	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	78	76	72	76	....	....
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29	32	....	....
Eating places	1,293	1,428	127	127	127	134	120	121	121	122	115	112	119	....	....
Drug stores	264	272	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23	23	....	....
All other retail	2,162	2,289	196	186	182	192	185	193	193	261	180	167	163	....	....
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,817	1,477	1,441	1,406	1,476	1,405	1,375	1,394	1,677	1,320	1,247	1,235	....	....
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,678	233	226	234	239	235	235	229	256	210	193	195	....	....
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,494	1,710	1,667	1,640	1,714	1,641	1,611	1,623	1,933	1,529	1,441	1,430	....	....
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,535	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525	....	....
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,355,157	474,189	449,745	442,434	469,842	451,742	440,932	446,344	524,799	425,513	406,322	390,093	....	....
Dothan	643,669	667,338	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,399	53,017	65,764	51,633	49,847	47,939	....	....
Florence	612,947	645,316	55,638	54,53[illegible]	54,301	57,248	53,663	52,162	55,140	67,127	50,106	46,457	46,824	....	....
Gadsden	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,0[illegible]	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443	....	....
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782	....	....
Mobile	2,100,894	2,188,242	191,056	195,353	191,553	190,821	181,096	182,192	174,342	211,080	172,442	157,794	150,243	....	....
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,508,974	131,270	131,870	128,839	129,380	126,632	121,852	122,365	153,061	115,741	112,982	119,922	....	....
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860	....	....
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,941	9,468	8,999	9,284	9,788	8,397	8,828	8,135	9,751	8,780	8,106	7,422	....	....
Baldwin	343,706	355,055	33,180	32,990	34,63[illegible]	32,213	28,240	26,527	25,498	30,084	25,440	24,756	25,628	....	....
Barbour	71,583	73,342	6,366	6,196	6,57[illegible]	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,119	7,543	5,790	5,734	5,298	....	....
Bibb	41,388	44,121	3,809	3,751	3,53[illegible]	3,924	3,908	3,674	3,907	4,431	3,477	3,447	3,833	....	....
Blount	89,053	100,656	9,006	8,906	8,2[illegible]	8,996	9,029	8,527	8,727	9,210	7,980	7,084	7,224	....	....
Bullock	26,077	25,661	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,037	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,345	2,066	2,008	....	....
Butler	65,570	63,059	5,645	5,185	5,16[illegible]	5,222	5,179	5,143	5,105	5,958	5,101	4,681	4,760	....	....
Calhoun	507,895	542,535	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525	....	....
Chambers	107,006	108,811	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,967	10,250	8,627	8,387	8,343	....	....
Cherokee	47,907	50,302	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,940	4,130	4,275	3,707	3,365	....	....
Chilton	99,875	109,554	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,978	9,308	10,443	8,382	8,393	8,679	....	....
Choctaw	36,637	38,862	3,206	3,250	3,170	3,562	3,155	3,317	3,291	3,687	3,218	2,683	2,649	....	....
Clarke	98,651	107,151	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,272	8,763	10,586	8,625	7,636	8,234	....	....
Clay	26,368	26,974	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,439	2,350	2,131	2,108	....	....
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,662	1,624	1,710	....	....
Coffee	186,107	190,605	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,691	16,654	15,291	15,390	17,902	14,146	13,495	14,001	....	....

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Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,605	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,169	20,923	19,943	20,207	23,369	19,039	17,717	18,857		
Conecuh	37,533	36,981	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,259	3,522	2,701	2,538	2,306		
Coosa	8,932	10,207	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	913	749	673	733		
Covington	137,578	137,589	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,568	10,717	10,867	12,601	10,732	10,113	10,777		
Crenshaw	30,988	35,367	2,919	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,237	2,858	2,440	2,936		
Cullman	237,638	251,300	22,693	22,322	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,771	20,900	22,805	18,651	17,674	18,075		
Dale	104,914	114,554	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,294	9,697	11,392	8,553	8,512	7,841		
Dallas	199,200	207,828	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,696	17,218	16,648	17,269	19,905	15,718	14,337	15,666		
DeKalb	180,388	189,769	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,162	16,061	19,085	15,105	17,482	14,333	13,737	12,731		
Elmore	102,081	107,758	9,510	9,596	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,430	8,277	9,402	8,427	8,420	8,436		
Escambia	141,761	143,164	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,598	11,176	11,276	11,204	13,968	10,688	10,022	9,969		
Etowah	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443		
Fayette	64,918	63,274	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,662	5,416	4,768	5,279	5,250	5,196	4,395		
Franklin	99,529	103,970	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,072	7,688	6,952	7,695		
Geneva	144,828	145,540	12,649	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,979	11,981	11,696	12,885	11,486	10,719	11,006		
Greene	18,310	16,893	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,433	1,360	1,391	1,373		
Hale	31,290	31,993	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,794	2,758	2,615	2,464	2,702	2,482	2,462	2,449		
Henry	35,727	38,394	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,345	3,107	3,107	3,515	3,052	2,696	2,359		
Houston	538,755	552,784	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,320	54,372	43,080	41,335	40,098		
Jackson	136,606	146,010	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,443	11,900	13,464	10,757	9,867	10,289		
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,516,064	398,053	376,029	370,860	394,768	381,842	372,753	375,491	447,362	358,625	341,658	329,918		
Lamar	37,982	37,796	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,529	3,157	2,928	2,495		
Lauderdale	362,963	395,711	33,714	33,001	32,596	35,079	32,740	32,219	34,933	43,758	31,067	28,740	27,967		
Lawrence	51,755	56,634	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,128	4,499	4,571	5,110	6,163	4,286	4,043	4,367		
Lee	346,954	372,493	32,318	31,557	29,500	33,053	32,985	30,705	33,292	38,485	29,698	26,545	28,310		
Limestone	161,477	175,940	15,769	14,610	14,732	16,264	15,128	14,390	13,801	16,860	14,029	13,034	12,801		
Lowndes	16,854	21,618	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,005	1,749	1,716	2,241	1,577	1,645	1,671		
Macon	45,136	44,351	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,079	4,106	3,983	3,471	3,818	3,986	3,558	3,338		
Madison	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782		
Marengo	69,350	77,257	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,620	6,486	6,317	6,460	7,964	6,286	5,827	6,096		
Marion	95,317	104,134	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,443	9,043	10,490	8,717	7,956	7,805		
Marshall	339,443	380,792	34,684	33,143	33,539	34,722	32,107	30,426	32,446	35,694	28,582	27,777	28,336		
Mobile	1,757,188	1,833,187	157,876	162,363	156,918	158,608	152,855	155,665	148,844	180,996	147,002	133,038	124,615		
Monroe	102,802	105,947	8,402	8,463	8,290	10,423	9,230	9,332	11,139	12,110	6,001	5,757	5,186		
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,295,275	112,292	113,275	110,216	109,942	109,080	104,594	105,953	133,308	98,534	96,456	104,064		
Morgan	452,408	515,381	45,908	43,560	43,472	46,643	45,075	43,806	45,471	50,082	39,898	37,631	40,047		
Perry	25,165	24,062	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,893	1,908	2,164	1,814	1,794	1,810		
Pickens	41,346	41,970	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,298	3,338	3,657	3,289	3,163	3,107		
Pike	90,768	99,081	8,760	8,625	8,141	8,974	8,770	8,536	7,944	9,830	8,497	7,567	7,933		
Randolph	57,911	58,073	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,613	5,215	4,325	4,378		
Russell	121,519	122,804	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,560	10,371	9,807	11,770	8,977	8,525	9,086		
St. Clair	121,089	137,152	12,875	12,992	11,564	12,701	11,281	11,081	10,755	11,987	10,673	10,796	10,976		
Shelby	253,358	275,753	24,247	23,682	24,089	24,130	22,294	22,528	23,685	25,544	22,889	21,703	20,204		
Sumter	30,989	30,558	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,461	2,731	3,028	2,402	2,077	2,248		
Talladega	240,169	257,626	24,626	22,283	22,970	22,251	21,592	20,845	20,612	25,069	20,150	18,670	17,634		
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,195	12,395	12,114	10,986	12,042	10,890	10,691	11,391	12,620	10,367	10,617	10,084		
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860		
Walker	291,356	325,532	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,696	25,346	25,081	21,771		
Washington	21,666	20,671	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,620	1,557	1,644	1,525	1,204		
Wilcox	27,999	25,884	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,974	2,183	2,316	2,065	1,826	1,692		
Winston	71,301	79,471	6,942	6,830	6,646	7,215	6,723	6,682	6,964	7,433	6,202	5,595	5,974		
Statewide[11]	974,246	1,075,676	84,466	91,123	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,942	98,352	129,987	85,263	79,316	86,068		

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

[10] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R.L. Polk and Company.

[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Women In The Business World

The number of women-owned businesses in 1982 totaled 2.9 million, one-fourth of all businesses excluding large corporations, according to the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

About 92 percent of women-owned firms, 2.7 million, were individual proprietorships. Partnerships totaled five percent and women owned three percent of corporations.

Businesses owned by women had gross receipts of $98.3 billion, or one-tenth of all business receipts. One-half of the receipts were from individual proprietorships, while 30 percent came from corporations and 20 percent from partnerships.

Alabama had a total of 33,576 businesses owned by women in 1983 with gross receipts of $1.3 billion.

Jefferson County had the largest number of women-owned businesses in 1982 with 6,351. Women owned 3,251 service related businesses and 1,512 retail trade businesses. But surprisingly, 33 agricultural services, forestry, fishing, and mining industries were owned by women as well as 97 construction businesses and 17 manufacturing concerns.

The city of Mobile had the largest number of businesses owned by women with 2,202. Birmingham was a close second with 2,194. Once again, women owned a large number of service related businesses in Mobile with a total of 1,082.

A breakdown by industry group shows the types of businesses owned by women in Alabama.

ALABAMA WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Industry Group	Number of Firms	Sales and receipts ($1,000)
Agricultural services, forestry, fishing and mining	235	12,315
Construction	551	40,576
Manufacturing	413	117,962
Transportation and public utilities	373	23,809
Wholesale trade	486	101,284
Retail trade	9,567	544,602
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,581	56,868
Selected services	16,191	304,824
Industries not classified	3,179	65,381
TOTAL	33,576	1,267,621

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coal, and Three Mile Creek handles imported coal for the southeast.

Although the Port has facilities for coal imports, "historically, the use of foreign imported coal in Alabama has not been great. The most recent recorded use was by Alabama electric utilities during 1978 when 805 thousand tons of Australian coal was imported for use." (*Alabama Coal Data for 1985*). Alabama imports coal mostly from other states.

The future of the coal industry in Alabama seems bright, at least for the short term. Employment and wages in mining in Alabama are both forecasted to rise. The demand for coal will increase, and Alabama has in place an excellent transportation system for delivering coal both domestically and overseas.

—Ginger Shew

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Alabama Coal

From the middle 1800s to the end of World War II, coal was America's primary energy source. After World War II, coal was replaced in the number one position by oil and natural gas which are cleaner and were cheaper than coal. Since the oil embargo of the early 1970s, coal has regained importance as an energy source in America. The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) *Annual Outlook for U.S. Coal 1986* projects coal to be a major component of the energy future of the United States.

With coal's disadvantages – it does not burn cleanly and mining operations must be environmentally careful – the EIA expects coal use will rise. In fact, the EIA expects coal use to rise faster than overall primary energy consumption.

Why?

—Domestic coal reserves are abundant.

—Coal prices continue to be lower than the prices of oil and natural gas.

—Domestic oil and natural gas reserves are being depleted more rapidly than coal reserves.

—The availability and cost of imported oil are unstable.

Demand for coal is expected to rise in the industrial sector (which includes coke plants) 0.6 percent, reversing a three percent decline between 1974 and 1984. Demand is also expected to increase in fuel-burning installations. Use of metallurgical coal to make coke will continue declining but at a slower pace. Between 1974 and 1984, use of metallurgical coal decreased by seven percent, but between 1985 and 1995 the decrease should slow to two percent.

Coal exports are expected to rise as world demand for coal rises. The largest increase should be in steam coal exports as more oil-importing countries switch from oil-based to coal-based economies. Metallurgical coal, which has historically been the predominant coal export, is expected to rise as well, but only slightly.

Total U.S. coal production projections for the years 1990 to 2000 range from 990 million tons to 1.3 billion tons. Projections for Alabama coal production were made only until 1988 by the Alabama Geological Survey. By 1988 Alabama coal production is expected to rise to 27.1 million tons, up from 26.6 million tons in 1985.

Alabama ranks eleventh in coal production of coal-producing states and sixth in number of mines. According to *Alabama Coal Data for 1985*, Alabama has approximately 23.4 billion tons of remaining identifiable coal resources. Of the coal remaining, 18.4 billion tons are located underground (120 - 3,000 feet overburden) and the remaining five billion tons are classified as surface mineable (0 - 120 feet overburden). At the present rate of coal production, the supply should last about 885 years. To date, 1.45 million tons of coal have been produced from Alabama mines.

Alabama lies at the southern end of the Applachian mountain range, an area rich in coal, which extends about 800 miles from New York to Alabama. The state has three active coalfields and one lignite field that has not been mined, but several test pits have been opened. *Alabama Coal Data for 1985* reported that "The lignite is relatively high in moisture, and sulfur content is generally higher than that of Alabama's coals." Generally, Alabama coal is high-grade, banded bituminous coal and "is noted for having low percentages of sulfur and ash and for high Btu values."

During fiscal year 1985, approximately 8,704 people were employed in coal mining operations in Alabama. Of this number 2,609 or 29.9 percent were employed in surface mines and 6,100 were employed in underground mines. Total wages paid to these miners in 1985 amounted to approximately $334 million, an increase over 1984 wages of $23 million.

Coal is recovered by three mining methods: surface, auger, and underground mining. Alabama has 136 surface mines which accounted for 45 percent of the coal produced in the state in 1985. Auger mining produces only a small percentage of coal and is included in surface mine figures. Alabama had 20 underground mines in 1985 and seven of those were small production mines.

An estimated 27 million tons of coal were delivered to Alabama consumers. The coal, whether mined in Alabama or imported from another state or country, was used by electric utilities, the coking industry, retail sales, and other industries. In addition, Alabama coal is adaptable to synthetic fuel processes and coal conversion processes. These include coal gasification, underground gasification, coal liquefaction, coal bed degasification, and solvent refining.

Currently, Alabama has only one commercial synthetic fuel processing plant near Wilsonville, Alabama. Catalytic, Inc., of Alabama is using the solvent refined coal process and produces six to 12 tons of SRC per day.

The 27 million tons of coal delivered to Alabamians was moved over 1,173 miles of waterways, 4,947 miles of railroads and 25,858 miles of public highways. Barge transportation dominates deliveries of coal to the Port of Mobile but rail shipments are increasing.

The Port of Mobile provides coal-shipping facilities at the McDuffie Island Terminal for exporting southeastern

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